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By Don Nelson

I just finished updating the address and phone list on our three children and their spouses.

It includes the numbers for eight desktop phones, five fax machines, two cellular phones and a pager. There are also six e-mail addresses. The list has grown to almost a foot in length.

They say that if you drop a frog into a pot of scalding water, he'll jump right back out, but if you put him in cold water and heat it gradually, he'll end up poached.

That's what's been happening to me with telecommunications. After years of deregulation, new technologies, etc., I'm now getting five phone bills a month at the office and two at home.

I've been electronically poached.

Remember the tale I told you last month about sitting with my son, Nathan, behind Gov. Bush at the state boys' basketball tournament, and the good-natured argument Nathan and I had over whether he was the first person in the Erwin Center to shake the governor's hand?

The item prompted this letter:

Dear Don:
I saw in the March 14 issue of *The Castro County News* that Nathan Nelson thought he was the first one I shook hands with at the state basketball tournament. I am sure he is correct. I know that the odds are high that if you go to the state basketball tournament you will shake hands with someone from Dimmitt and/or Nazareth because they are always well represented.

This year's tournament was full of exciting games for the fans and the participants. Tell Nathan and all the fans in Castro County that I look forward to seeing them and their teams at next year's state tournament.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

I had some elective surgery done three weeks ago today. I wanted it done here at Plains Memorial, by Dr. Patel. Because of the "new age" procedures in medical care, I had to jump through all kinds of hoops to do it my way. But I'm here to tell you that it can be done.

Verbie and I belong to an insurance group that has become a "contracted network"—another way of saying "preferred provider organization" (PPO). It provides members with a list of the hospitals and physicians it has contracted with on rates and fees. Those are the ones you're supposed to use.

Plains Memorial is on our PPO's list, but none of our local doctors are—at least, not yet. (The hospital district and local medical community are still trying to get all their ducks in a row with these various HMOs and PPOs.)

The nearest surgeons on our PPO's list were in Amarillo and Lubbock. I didn't want to spend the extra time and money to go elsewhere for a standard procedure that Dr. Patel has performed more than a thousand times. Besides, I wanted to use our local hospital and be taken care of by the people here whom I know.

So I got on the horn to the insurance HQ. Yes, they said, they would pay an uncontracted surgeon to do the work if his fee was within their authorized payment schedule.

"Okay, so how much do you pay for this procedure?" I asked.

"We can't tell you that," the lady said. "Ask the surgeon what his fee

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Pray for rain

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	85	43	
Friday	83	46	
Saturday	75	28	
Sunday	71	28	
Monday	82	38	
Tuesday	65	35	
Wednesday	78	36	

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Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.



WESTWAY TRADING CORP. will hold a ribbon cutting today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. for the expansion at their Dimmitt facility. Shown are company personnel (from left) Denise Schilling, administrative assistant; David Darnell, terminal manager of

Dimmitt operations; and Tammy Wilhite, office manager. Not shown is Fred Bruegel, sales manager for molasses blends and straight molasses sales through the liquid blend plant facility.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Westway Trading Corp. expands Dimmitt facility

The Dimmitt facility of Westway Trading Corp. will hold ribbon cutting ceremonies today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. for its new liquid suspension feed plant on the north edge of Dimmitt on US 385.

The suspension plant encompasses a whole new process for the local facility, which also will continue to manufacture liquid blend feeds and supplements as it has in the past.

Construction of the 4,000 sq. ft. suspension facility began in early August 1995, and was completed in early April, with the first shipments going out April 8. Plans are underway for construction of a new office facility, as well, with ground breaking planned for June.

David Darnell, terminal manager of Dimmitt operations, said the suspension plant expansion has almost doubled the number of employees at the business, and will increase rail traffic and output, as well.

Fred Bruegel will continue his role as sales manager for molasses blends and straight molasses sales through the liquid blend plant facility. Other employees include Tammy Wilhite, office manager; Denise

Schilling administrative assistant; Oscar Navarro, plant supervisor; and plant employees Barney Luna, Scott Heck, Salud Mendoza, and Raul Jackson.

"The new suspension plant is a state-of-the-art facility, totally automated and monitored by a computer batching system," Darnell said. "It is designed to manufacture a total feeding supplement by adding a variety of dry ingredients suspended in liquid, usually molasses or molasses products."

The plant has the potential capacity of producing 80,000 to 100,000 tons per year of the suspension feed products, which are marketed through Hi-Pro Feeds.

"Westway coordinates all sales and deliveries through Hi-Pro Feeds," Darnell said. He added that the Hi-Pro area headquarters in Friona will be ready to go back on line very soon, following reconstruction and repair after the damage it suffered last June from a tornado.

Some of the raw materials for the Dimmitt plant are obtained locally, with the majority coming from the Panhandle area, Darnell said. The process even involves some recy-

cling. Steep water from American Maize-Products, which is normally discarded as a by-product, is made use of. Molasses is obtained by rail from Westway facilities in Houston.

The expansion project at the Dimmitt facility included adding 2,500 feet of rail to accommodate 38 rail cars, improving rail handling capability at both plants.

The finished product is held in four 8,000 gallon tanks, and then shipped out by truck, Darnell said.

Westway's growth into the Texas Panhandle came with the acquisition of Liquid Blenders in Dimmitt in November of 1994. Bruegel, previous owner and manager of Liquid Blenders, has remained involved, allowing a smooth transition of ownership.

Westway has been a world-wide distributor of cane and beet molasses for 55 years. The corporation owns and operates 25 facilities in North America, in addition to ownership or affiliation with numerous facilities in Central and South America and Europe. Westway is a large manufacturer of animal feed products and a leader in the for-hire storage of liquid and dry products.

Ag Secretary Glickman to be in Dimmitt Friday

The US Dept. of Agriculture confirmed Wednesday morning that Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman will stop in Dimmitt Friday as he makes a swing through the Texas Panhandle.

He is expected to appear around 10:30 a.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. This will be the only official stop he will make, and it is the first time since 1980 that the Secretary of Agriculture will visit here.

"Dimmitt and Castro County should feel very honored to have the Secretary of Agriculture here," said Carl King of Dimmitt, President of the Texas Corn Growers Association. "This (Secretary's visit) doesn't happen very often. I think it will be a chance for farmers to learn a lot about the Farm Bill."

Roadside park is being trashed; should city annex?

The Texas Highway Dept. and Southwestern Public Service Co. asked Dimmitt's City Council Monday night to annex the state's roadside park southeast of town.

The reason, they said, was so they could get some help with the problems being caused at the park by local teenagers.

Tommy Gusman of the highway department asked the city to annex the state park "so you could bring it under the curfew law and have city law enforcement there."

He said teenagers litter the park with their trash and empties, drive on the grass, and damage and destroy light fixtures and sprinkler heads.

"Basically, the park is for the benefit of the traveling public," Gusman said, "but the public can't use the park like it was intended to

be used because of the kids double and triple parking and ganging up out there."

SPS Manager Calvin Marsh said his company provides electricity and lightbulbs for the park for \$90 per month, but that it's costing more than that just to replace broken bulbs.

"They're costing us money; they're costing the highway department money," Marsh told the council. "It's a real problem."

The "roadside" has long been a favorite gathering place for local teens, especially on weekend nights, although Councilman Roy Garza noted that "it's prime real estate during the week, too—kids gather there every night."

As a state park outside the city limits, the "roadside" falls under the

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Drug dog out of service - for now

The Castro County Sheriff's Dept. no longer has a drug dog, but Sheriff CD Fitzgearld hopes to continue with the project.

Problems arose with the female black Labrador, Allie, which had been purchased by Fitzgearld for use as the county's drug dog.

After five different experienced handlers worked with the dog, they determined that she would not be able to sniff out narcotics and that she "just didn't have the drive and heart to be a drug dog," according to Fitzgearld. He was able to obtain a refund for the full purchase price of the dog, which was \$700.

The issue of the drug dog was on the agenda during Monday's regular meeting of commissioners' court. Commissioners were still questioning whether having a drug dog in the county was cost-feasible and necessary and were unsure they wanted to fund the expense.

Joining the discussion were Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins, City Manager Reeford Burrous and Assis-

tant City Manager Don Sheffy.

Allie's proposed handler was to have been Victor Burrows, who is employed by the City of Dimmitt as a resident mechanic for Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. and city building inspector.

County Judge Irene Miller said she was concerned how Burrows would handle double duty.

Fitzgearld said Burrows had told him he could be the handler and would have the dog available at any time.

But Burrous said he shared Miller's concerns about Burrows' ability to juggle the two duties. "If he's with the dog all the time, how can he handle his work for the fire department?" questioned Burrous.

If Allie would have made a good drug dog, commissioners would still have been faced with a big problem of accepting her for the county.

"My problem with the whole thing is the financial aspect," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland. "I

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Early voting is underway in local city, school and hospital races

Early voting will continue through Tuesday in the special city, school and hospital elections which will be held May 4. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

Here's a rundown of who has filed for the local offices.

City of Dimmitt

Dimmitt voters will elect one at-large councilmember and representatives for Places 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the May 4 elections. Councilmembers whose terms expire this year include Don Sheffy (at-large), Gloria Hernandez (Place 2), Roy Garza (Place 1), Charles Richard (Place 3) and Roger Malone (Place 4).

Malone, Richard, Hernandez and Garza have filed for re-election, and Richard will be challenged in the Place 3 race by Henry Acevedo. Malcolm Reynolds has filed for the at-large seat.

On election day, May 4, Dimmitt voters will cast their ballots at City Hall in the councilmembers' chambers.

City of Hart

Hart City Councilmembers L.C. McLain, Vickie Ethridge and Todd Pebsworth are up for re-election this year and all three incumbents have filed.

Voters in the Hart city election will cast ballots on May 4 at the Hart Golden Group Building.

City of Nazareth

Nazareth voters will cast ballots in a mayoral election this year, and that office, currently held by Ralph Brockman, is the only one up for election.

Since Brockman is unopposed, the city has decided to take advantage of new laws and not hold the regular election on May 4. Brockman will retain his mayoral seat.

Dimmitt ISD

Positions on the Dimmitt School Board which will be on the May 4 ballot are the representatives from Districts 3, 6 and 7; as well as one from District 5 to fulfill an unexpired term.

The District 3, 6 and 7 seats will be for three-year terms while the District 5 seat, which was vacated by Frank Welch who moved out of the district, will be to fulfill the balance of a term—about a year.

Current board members filling the seats due to expire are Steve Buckley, District 7; Albert Acevedo, District 3, and Debbie Annen, District 6. Acevedo was filling a term vacated by Gracie Abrego, then he moved out of the district and also had to vacate the position.

Annen and Buckley have filed for their respective seats, while Avery Thrasher has thrown his hat into the ring for the Place 5 seat and Chevo Lumbrera has filed for Place 3.

Hart ISD

Voters residing in the Hart School

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IN APPRECIATION—Dimmitt Assistant City Manager Don Sheffy (left) is presented a plaque at the Monday meeting of the Dimmitt City Council in recognition of his 10 years of service as a council member before resigning to take the management position he holds. He will assume the duties of city manager this summer when current manager

Reeford Burrous retires. "Usually a plaque means you're hitting the road," said Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins (right) in making the presentation, "but we look forward to your continued service for another decade or two as city manager." Looking on are (seated, from left) council members Gloria Hernandez and Carole Dyer. Photo by Don Nelson



THE DOTSON FAMILY from Hart performed several instrumental numbers Sunday during Child Protective Services Mexican fiesta fundraiser at Richardson Elementary School cafeteria in Dimmitt. Pictured from left are Daniel, Steve and Chris Dotson, all students at Hart; and their parents, Nelson and Judy Dotson. Photo by Anne Acker

Wales asks testimony for 'concentration' committee

More testimony is needed if cattle producers hope to get their message across to legislators concerning "concentration" in the cattle industry, according to Lois Wales of Dimmitt.

Wales is a member of the US Dept. of Agriculture's Advisory Committee on Agricultural Concentration. She said the committee was formed to look into the effect concentration has on agriculture in America.

Concentration is when only a few companies control more than 40% of an industry market. The beef packing and livestock industry is the main area of concern being examined by the committee, although other areas also are being looked at.

Wales said at least 50 people have sent written testimony to her. She will present the information at the next meeting of the advisory committee, which is set for Monday and Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

Wales said she will continue to accept written testimony through

Friday. It can be sent to her at Rt. 4 Box 109, Dimmitt, 79027, or it may be sent by FAX to 806-647-2935. She may be reached by phone at 806-647-5643.

Also, testimony may be sent directly to the US Dept. of Agriculture to: Barbara Claffey, USDA/AMS, Room 3069 South Bldg., 14th & Independence, Washington, D.C. 20250. If less than 20 pages, material can be sent by FAX to Claffey at (202) 205-8023.

Claffey said video taped statements could be submitted as well and provision will be made for the advisory committee to view any that are sent.

The committee meeting will be open to the public, but it will not be a hearing, Claffey explained. She said the committee may ask specific individuals to testify, but time constraints will not permit everyone attending to have a chance to speak.

Claffey said she has been impressed with the committee's commitment to reviewing all the materials they have received.

"We don't want people to feel that they wouldn't be listened to," Claffey said. "They will be heard."

She added that she hopes to have some of the testimony published if possible, or at least a synopsis of it.

Herman Schumacher of South Dakota, a member of the advisory committee, said that Livestock Marketing Association members in North Dakota and South Dakota passed a resolution at a recent con-

vention urging the government to pursue the fact that many of the different livestock associations are not representing the true grassroots members, and the beef check-off program is not representing the people who are paying for it.

Wales said the committee will meet with Sen. Tom Daschle and Joe Dan Baker, who is the head of the packer/stocker department of USDA.

Wales said she and others in the cattle industry are anxiously awaiting word on a Justice Dept. ruling on a proposed merger that would contribute to "concentration" in Central Texas. Wales said some of those involved in the hearing on the case are upset that a meeting was set with industry representatives and a Justice Dept. representative who was no longer connected with the case.

Industry representatives feel the meeting was treated lightly by the Justice Dept.

The presence of the unqualified official was called "mere window dressing" by Stephen F. Krut, executive director of the American Association of Meat Processors.

"To learn we have met with a person who has no decision-making responsibility is very, very disappointing. It suggests that the Dept. of Justice is not interested in considering the concerns of small meat packers, cattle feeders, livestock markets or Farm Bureau members," said Rosemary Mucklow, executive director of the National Meat Association.

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More about Drug dog out of service . . .

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don't think we need to be going into situations like this when we need so many other things and money's so tight."

Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales agreed, saying "I think the dog would help eliminate some of the drugs in the area, but the expense is the big thing we're looking at."

Fitzgerald asked commissioners whether they would consider allowing him to continue with the project on his own, with no financial burden to the county.

Commissioners had no problem with that, but still worried about the county's liability, and agreed to have County Attorney Jerry Matthews check into legal aspects.

Fitzgerald said he has talked with two companies in Shreveport, La., and with others in Leander and Granbury about purchasing a trained drug dog, and the cost would be up to \$4,500. The companies agree to work with the dog and handler for two to three weeks. Since there may be a problem with having Burrows as the dog's handler, Fitzgerald said he would have to consider other options, but said none of his deputies were interested in taking over the duty.

Commissioners also discussed finding alternate office space to house the Extension Service.

The county agents currently occupy offices in the courthouse

basement, but space is limited and the basement is not handicap accessible.

Commissioners agreed to ask for estimates on what it would cost to make the area accessible for handicapped persons.

"We're going to have to make the changes (to make basement handicap-accessible) whether the Extension Service moves or not," said Rowland.

They also discussed alternate sites for the Extension Service offices. Among those is the old Sears building on Southwest Second Street.

Miller told commissioners she had talked with Panhandle Community Services, which currently owns the building, and said it would be willing to lease the current office and attached garage area to the county. The garage area would have to be remodeled into offices. According to Miller, the county could enter into a three-year lease on the building for \$550 per month if it agrees to make the improvements itself; or for \$700 per month if the owner pays for the remodeling expenses.

Commissioners tabled the item pending further investigation.

Miller presented a proposed ordinance on prohibition of burning in the county to commissioners Monday, but the court refused to adopt the proposal, and it died for lack of a motion.

After discussing the matter, com-

missioners said most people who do burn trash exercise caution, and the prohibition could pose a hardship.

"If they can't burn it on the weekend and the dump ground is closed, it'll wind up in county bar ditches," said Pct.3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige.

In the past, the courthouse has been closed on election days, but that holiday for some county employees was terminated Monday.

Miller said she checked and there is no law that says the courthouse has to be closed on election days.

Guggemos told her the decision to close the courthouse was made several years ago when courthouse offices were used as polling places. Now only one office is designated as a polling place.

"I'm in favor of keeping it open," Miller said.

Commissioners agreed unanimously.

In other action, commissioners approved WorkSmart of Hereford to perform the county's mandatory drug testing; discussed the no smoking ordinance in county buildings; and granted approval for one gas line and one water line to be installed under county roads.

Customer Notice

On February 15, 1996, GTE Southwest Incorporated (GTSW) filed a tariff with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for Advanced Credit Management (ACM). If approved by the Commission, ACM will provide a toll limit for all new and existing medium and high risk single line residence and business customers based upon their credit and payment history. If a toll limit is reached, the customer's telephone number will be subject to having its outgoing long distance, collect, third number billed, and GTE calling card calls blocked until payment has been made. ACM has no monthly charge or nonrecurring charge associated with it. This filing has been assigned Docket No. 15372.

Persons who wish to intervene or comment on this filing should notify the Commission by June 21, 1996. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Information Office at (512)458-0223 or (512)458-0227, or (512)458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

GTE

Letter Soldiers in Bosnia express appreciation for 'goodies'

Dear Editor:

I am one of several who have received letters in response to the letters and goodies sent to service personnel in Bosnia. People who helped and others might be interested in reading the correspondence, so here is a copy of the letter I received.

DEANNE CLARK

"Thank you very much for the box of goodies. We really appreciate the folks back home thinking of us while we are away from home and giving us their support. It means a great deal to deployed soldiers when people take time out of their busy schedules to write, make cookies and think of us.

"In some ways we're spoiled. We get cookies, candy, magazines and letters sent to us. People all across the country send bags and bags of mail every day. It doesn't matter if they believe in the politics that puts us here or not. We receive their support just for being sent. It's all an extra boost that keeps our chins up from day to day.

"Here's a little bit about us. We are a three-man Special Forces element operating in the US sector with the 1st Armor Division. We are all stationed out of Stuttgart, Germany. We are all married and our families are back in Germany. The hardest part about being here is that we are away from our loved ones. We all have to dig down deep within ourselves to get through that. Hopefully the NATO peace implementation efforts will provide Bosnia-Herzegovina a lasting

stability that will allow them to rebuild their country and live in peace. We are very proud of America, proud to be serving in the Army and proud of all our fellow Americans back home giving their troops such fine support.

God bless you."
CPT. ORVILLE GARDNER
MSG. RICHARD J. TURCOTTE JR.
SFC ANTHONY J. BRION

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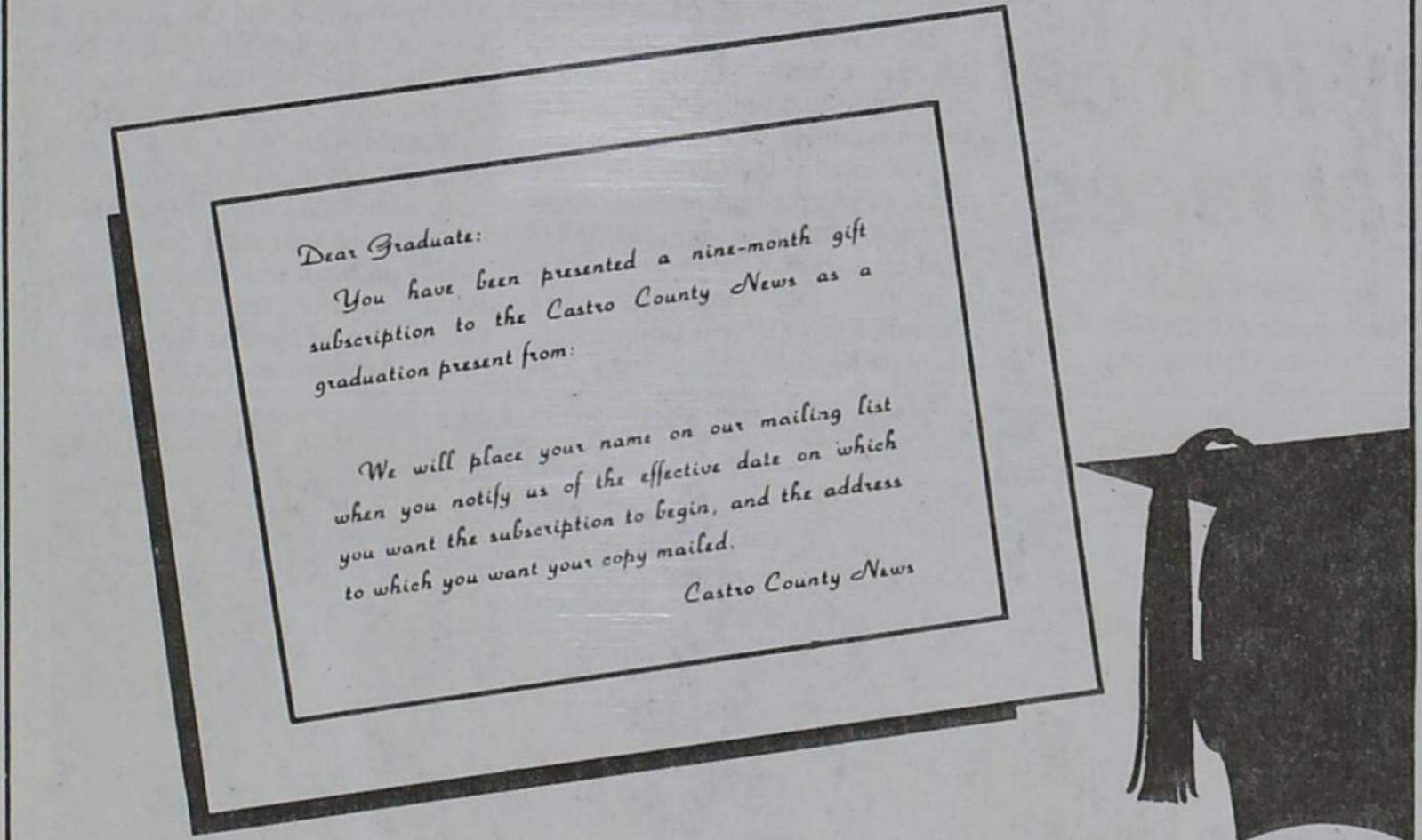
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ACROSS

1 TXism: 'wouldn't know him from ___'
5 this Linares is TX lottery director
6 Guadalupe St. near UT is 'The ___'
7 TX Stadium feature: ___ of Honor
8 TXism: 'sneaky as an ___'
18 pianist Van Cliburn is the 'Texan ___ Conquered Russia'
19 TXism: 'was around when ___ was only sick' (old)
21 in Montague Co. on 82: ___ Jo
22 TXism: 'his axles ___ hot' (active)
23 TXism: 'popular ___-eyed Jack in a poker game'
24 lack of vitality
29 TXism: 'camps out in the ___ corner' (religious)
30 hunter's quarry
31 TXism: 'let ___ rip!'
32 TXism: 'a day late ___ short'
34 killer ___ came up from Mexico
35 in Amarillo: '___ State Fair'
36 pastry served in Fredericksburg, TX
37 TX Fender's 'Before the Next ___ drop Falls'
38 advertising organ. located in TX (abbr.)

DOWN

1 west of Martin Co. (2 wds.)
2 TXism: '___ boys' (police)
3 Doroteo ___ aka Pancho Villa was a Rio Grande bandit
4 Oiler lineman Don ___ nonsense'
10 Charlie ___ is a st. in San Antonio
11 Francis Scott ___ was Sam Houston's atty. in Washington
12 TXism: '___ have to get better to die'

39 Dallas mayor's '93 Super Bowl bet: ___ of chili
41 TXism: '___ wet behind the ears'
42 college entrance test
43 Sunday dinner
44 TX bidness transactions
45 TXism: 'all ___ born days'
46 TXism: 'guilty as ___'
47 box for TX Ruby Reds
48 King William is a ___ st. in San Antonio

50 book: 'The ___ San Jacinto'
51 Jayton is seat of this county
52 NM Indian
53 TXism: 'snap beans' (in the ___)

13 closer
14 natural & propane
15 USS Texas aided Omaha Beach during ___ landings
16 early name of Bronte, TX
17 TX Davis & Hamilton in the Civil War
20 you can get an ___ view atop TX's Ranger Peak
22 Rockwall is the ___ co. in TX
24 Moody h.s. class
25 Cowboys Nate (init.)
26 TX Ross Perot's old company

33 TX Lynda of 'Mission Impossible' (init.)
34 TXism: 'hell ___ for leather' (determined)
35 TXism: 'bright eyed and bushy ___'
37 TXism: 'has ___ on a mirror to comb his hair' (ugly)
40 ___ Hill, TX
41 Spurs' Elliott
44 beach find: ___ wood
47 exactly duplicated
49 TXism: 'we're seeing ___ eye' (agree)

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Evelyn Ann and Bob Heins of Plattsburgh, N.Y., were here recently to help Ben and Bernice Hill. Evelyn Ann's parents, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They met in Amarillo with Benny Hill and his family, and celebrated with a dinner at the Country Barn.

On Thursday, 135 second graders toured the museum on a beautiful day. (The wind wasn't blowing.) The children enjoyed seeing all of the interesting things. The teachers who brought their students were Pat Evan, Darlene Collins, Sue Rita Myatt, Kathy Thames and Mary Jo Brown. Mothers and fathers who helped were Ronda Wise, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Sanchez, Mr. and Mrs. Maurer, Ginny Walker, Elaine Heard, Luis Luna and E.F. McLendon. Board members who helped with the tour were Dale Winders and Madge Robb.

Out of town visitors at the museum were Sue Parish of Canyon, who came with her mother, Grace Anderson; and E.L. McLendon of El Paso.

Ruby Ramsey enjoyed Easter weekend with some family members, Brenda and Jim Truett of Dallas and Charles Pitts and Jean Brynes of Amarillo. Lloyd Pitts of Dallas came in later and Oleada Hance and Phoebe Claborn enjoyed lunch and visiting with them.

Elizabeth Huckabay was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club and she served spiced cake and ice cream. Helen Braafladt and Ina Rae Cates served a delicious goulash casserole, salad and hot bread. Bill Thornton won high score and Emily Clingsmith was second. Others playing were Loranell Hamilton, Susie Reeves, Louise Mears, Dude McLauren, Neva Hickey, Dugan Butler, Clingsmith, Cleo Forson, Johnnie Vannoy, Alma Kenmore, Edith Graef, Braafladt, Cates and Virginia Crider.

The deacons from First Baptist Church honored the widows on Thursday evening with Deacons' Ladies' Night Banquet. The meal was catered by Marshall Young and his group. They served brisket,



THE MEXICAN FIESTA DINNER sponsored by Child Protective Services Sunday was a big success again this year. Hundreds of people lined up for the dinner and entertainment, which was provided by the

Dotson Family of Hart. Awards were presented to coloring, bookmark and essay winners, too. Among those present were (from left) Bill Clark, Charles Axtell, Deanne Clark and Barbara Bain.

Photo by Anne Acker

twice-baked potatoes, English peas and carrots, tossed salad, hot rolls and peach cobbler.

The tables were decorated with greenery down the center and votive cups that held lighted candles. Four tiny green plants were on each table and these were presented to the widows, along with a pretty decorated cup of mints.

Max Newman gave the invocation and dinner was served by the deacons. Wayne Proffitt offered the welcome and presentation of guests. Kenneth Coates provided entertainment. Jerry Annen led the group in the benediction.

We were glad to see Kylene Black at the banquet with her husband, Glen.

Paul Kenley led the singing and performed a solo, *Because I Have Been Given Much* at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

Irene Carpenter gave her thought for the day and introduced the guest speaker, N.A. Bryson, who spoke on God's promises for life, energy and completeness. He said, "God was

with Moses and Joshua and promises us that He will never leave us or forsake us."

Renise Blair sang *Safe in the Arms of Jesus*. Also participating were Mauzee Youts, Bobbie Baldrige and Randy Gressett.

Maxine Myers and Ruth Cochran attended the Carey School Reunion recently. About 260 ex-students, residents and guests attended the reunion, which was held at the Fair Park Auditorium in Childress.

One of the classes that was honored was Maxine's class of 1946. There were 13 in the class. Nine are still living and six attended the reunion.

Mrs. Sylvia Brown, who taught at Carey for many years, told the group about being inducted into the Texas IIL Sports Hall of Fame. She attended East Texas State University at Commerce. Mrs. Brown, who is 91, stated she was glad she had lived long enough to see the rules change, allowing her admittance to the Hall of Fame. She told about her book, which is now being published. She

said that many of the people she knew from Carey are mentioned in the book.

The 14th annual gala of the Golden Nail awards presentation was held in the Grand Plaza of the Amarillo Civic Center on Saturday evening and among those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Vaughan.

The event is staged to honor individuals, businesses and foundations whose generosity has provided a "Golden Nail" for the fine arts, which include music, ballet, theater and the visual arts in Amarillo and the Panhandle region.

Mrs. Vaughan, formerly of Dalhart, and other Dalhart residents in attendance, were recognized as contributors and supporters of the Dalhart Community Theater of Performing Arts.

Lynna Cloer of Tulia, sister of Mary Edna Hendrix, died Sunday afternoon.

She was born in Seymour, Baylor County, on Oct. 28, 1911. She

moved to Tulia in Swisher County when she was 9 years old. She graduated from Tulia High School in 1929 and attended West Texas State College. She taught school in Tulia for several years.

She married Troy Cloer on June 12, 1937, in Lubbock. Rev. Lipscomb performed the ceremony. Lynna and Troy had a son, Kelley Earl, who lives in Ottawa, Canada; and a granddaughter, Mikele Cloer, also of Ottawa.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Tulia, the Eastern Star and the Study Club. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Kelley.

She is survived by her husband, Troy; a son, Kelley; a granddaughter, Mikele; a sister, Mary Edna Hendrix

of Dimmitt; two nieces, Lynn Lankford of Amarillo and Sue Vaughan of Dallas; and several great nephews and nieces.

The Westminster Ringers, a handbell choir from Levelland First United Methodist Church, visited the Dimmitt First United Methodist Church Sunday and played their bells for hymns and special music.

Ruby Moultrie, formerly of Dimmitt, led the 15 members and five octaves. A music team led praise and worship singing at the United Methodist Church on Sunday evening. Amy Berry and Phoebe Demetrius of Lubbock, and Ester Seawright of Olton joined Deanne Clark and Ruby Moultrie in the service.

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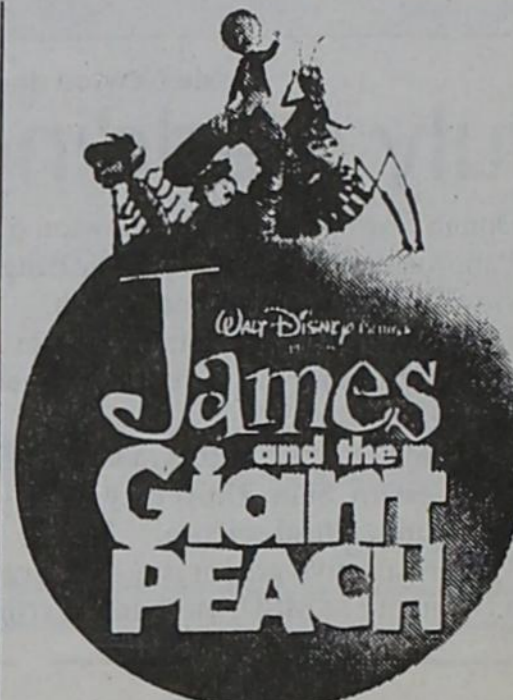
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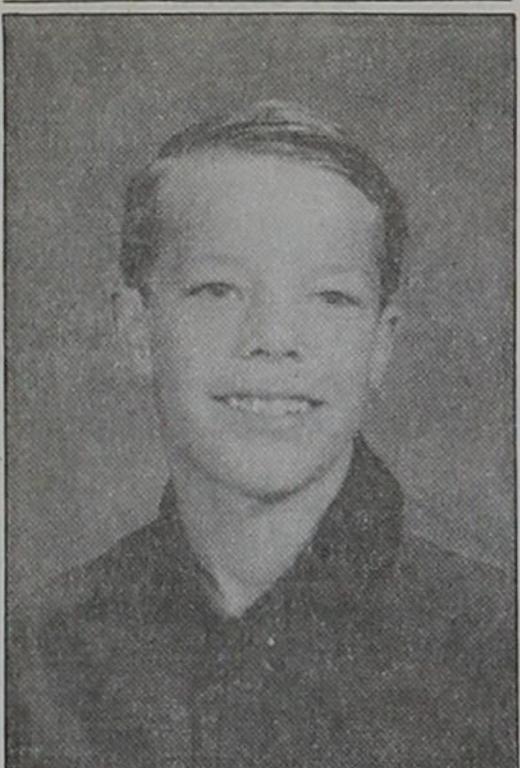


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Mark Birkenfeld

Birkenfeld is second in regional bee

"Staccato" stumped Mark Birkenfeld of Nazareth in the regional spelling bee, and he stepped back as Elizabeth Urban spelled it correctly, then nailed the spelling of "misanthropic" to win the bee.

Birkenfeld finished second in the regional bee to Urban for the second year in a row. The 48th Regional Spelling Bee was held at Mary Moody Northern Concert Hall at West Texas A&M University in Canyon earlier this month.

The 12-year-old son of Clyde and Jeanie Birkenfeld of Nazareth, Birkenfeld received a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond from the *Amarillo Globe News*, sponsor of the regional spelling bee.

Birkenfeld misspelled "staccato", using an 'o' in place of the first 'a'.

Urban was almost eliminated in the second round, when she misunderstood the pronunciation of the word "stein." She heard, repeated, then spelled the word "stein" instead. After reviewing the tape, judges allowed her back into the competition because no one called attention to her mistake when she pronounced the word "stein."

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Tessie Newton and David Stuart

July wedding planned

Donna Newton and Danny Newton of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tessie, to David Stuart, son of David and Nita Stuart of Fort Worth.

The couple plan to exchange vows in July in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. After the wedding, the pair plan to reside in Wichita Falls, where they will complete their studies.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Dimmitt High School, and is a junior at Midwestern State University. She is majoring in criminal justice and minoring in political science.

The prospective groom is a 1991 graduate of Richland High School, and also is a junior at MSU, majoring in criminal justice.

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Follies theme is announced

Return to Vaudeville is the theme for the 1996 production of the Follies, and the variety show will be performed June 29 and 30.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a planning meeting next Thursday, May 2, at 4:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office. Representatives from each civic organization are asked to attend the meeting and offer input and ideas.

Open auditions for the Follies will be held May 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on May 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Carlile Theater in Dimmitt.

Anyone planning to participate in the show should attend the auditions, which will be open to individuals of all ages.

For more information contact Shelly Nutt, Chamber executive director, at 647-2524.

Bridal shower honors Moore

Monica Moore, bride-elect of Bruce Bryant, was honored Saturday with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Kelly Taylor.

Guests were greeted by Gwen Bryant, mother of the prospective groom; the honoree; and Mrs. Taylor.

The serving table featured a centerpiece of rose bowl votives with wild roses and pansies. Blue willow dishes and silver appointments completed the decor. Mock champagne, cream tarts with mixed fruit topping, mints and nuts were served to guests by Debbie Tebo, Trisha Moore, Nissa Frey and Erika Frey.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a comforter.

Out-of-town guests were the bride-elect's mother, Susie Brumley of Idalou; Margeane Moore of Amarillo; the honoree's grandmothers, Pat Hartman of Amarillo and Marge Moore of Stratford; her sister, Trisha Moore of Idalou; her stepsisters, Nissa Frey and Erika Frey, both of Amarillo; her friends, D'Ann Blair of Hereford, Ann Rainey of Friona, Lori Hochstein of Canyon, Debbie Tebo of Amarillo, Sue Brasher of Amarillo and Amy Adams of Canyon; the prospective groom's grandmother, Mrs. Merle Arthur; and his aunt, Mrs. Jo Wilson.

Masons plan open meeting

The Golden Trowel Award presentation will highlight the open meeting at the Castro Masonic Lodge 879 A.F. & A.M. tonight (Thursday) in Dimmitt.

A supper will be served to those attending at 7:30 p.m. and a meeting and the award presentation will follow.

The meeting is open to members, ladies and guests.



ESSAY WINNERS in Child Protective Services recent contest include Nazareth students (from left) Susan Lange, Kelly Jones, Casey Hoelting, Jessica McGilvray, Billy Don Cannon, Susan Jones and

Robin Schulte. The winners were honored at Child Protective Services luncheon Sunday at Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria. Photo by Anne Acker



"I CAN" WAS THE THEME and hot air balloons were the artwork colored by these elementary school students as part of a contest sponsored by Child Protective Services during its child abuse awareness campaign in April. Winners in the contest were

(standing, from left) Yvonne Sifuntez, Julian Ortiz, Melanie Davis, Austin Dudley, Jamie Birkenfeld and Lacey Acker; and (seated, from left) Heidi Ramaekers, Micaele Salinas and Jesus Longoria. Photo by Anne Acker

DKG accepting applications for grant

Applications will be accepted through May 10 for a \$500 recruitment grant, which will be awarded to a Castro County student planning to major in education.

The grant is sponsored by the Iota Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and has been awarded each year since October 1987.

The grant will be awarded to one county student studying education, or may be divided between two individuals.

Those wishing to apply for the grant should contact Jan Bryan at 1639 Sunset Circle, Dimmitt 79027.

To qualify, a student must have attended a Castro County high school and have official verification of acceptance by the education department of a college or university.

Applicants must submit a letter of application with a verified statement from their school's education department and a current transcript to the recruitment grant committee.

The committee will review applications and then make a decision on

whether the scholarship should be paid in two installments, divided between two semesters, or if all of it should be distributed in one semester.

The recipient will be notified by June 1.

Breast cancer screening clinic planned here May 2

A special breast cancer screening clinic will be held May 2 at the Medical Center of Dimmitt.

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct the clinic.

Each participant will receive a

breast exam and one-on-one instruction on breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection. There will also be a mammogram done by a mammography technician. The program is certified by FDA, American College of Radiology and the state health departments of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.


The total cost of the screening is \$70. Financial aid is available for breast screening and mammograms to individuals who qualify.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-4673.

Retail Merchants' meeting is today

The Chamber of Commerce's Retail Merchants Committee will hold its regular meeting today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at the Chamber office.

Items on the agenda include a planning session for the annual City-Wide Garage Sale and July Jubilee.



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Paternal grandparents are Raul and Elvira Ramirez of Hart. Maternal grandparents are Jose and Maria Gil of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents include Manuela Lopez of Abilene and Josephina Reyna, Romana Reyna, Raul Ramirez Sr., and Elvira Castillo Ramirez, all of Hart.

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Head Start plans early registration

Registration for the next Head Start program will be held Friday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Richardson Elementary School Library.

The Head Start program is a preschool early childhood developmental program. To qualify, children must be four years old on or before Sept. 1 and the family must meet income guidelines which are pre-established. Head Start also helps children with special needs.

When registering a child for the program, parents are asked to furnish the child's birth certificate, the family's income verification, federal assistance verification, the child's up-to-date shot records and a copy of a parent and child's Social Security cards.

Canterbury Villa to observe national nursing home week

Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt has planned several events the week of May 12-18 in observance of National Nursing Home Week.

Corsages will be made for all the ladies residing at the home in honor of Mother's Day.

On Thursday, May 16, an open house will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and all friends and relatives are invited to stop by and visit with the residents and see the improvements which have been made in the home.

Special musical programs are being planned that week, also.

"Our residents are really enthused when out-of-the-ordinary events are planned," said a spokesperson for the home.

Extra snacks will be served during the week and residents will be able to enjoy some time outdoors as the spring flowers begin to bloom.

Katy Louder is recognized

Katy Louder, daughter of Lance and Terri Louder of Dimmitt, has been named Student of the Week at Dimmitt Middle School by Mrs. Damron and Mrs. Spring.

Louder was born in Lubbock on Oct. 16, 1985. She admires her parents and says she wants to be a teacher when she is grown. She says she draws well, but wishes she were better at it, and says she enjoys drawing things in her free time. Her favorite animal is the panda bear and her favorite book is *James and the Giant Peach*. She enjoys cucumbers and likes the Gifted and Talented program at Dimmitt Middle School.

Reynolds awarded for horsemanship

Christopher Reynolds of Dimmitt recently earned an award for logging 100 hours in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding program.

The program provides AQHA members recognition for time spent riding or driving American Quarter Horses.

Persons participating in the program complete a log sheet to record their hours driving or riding a registered quarter horse.

The first patch is awarded after 50 hours. New patches and other awards are given for nine subsequent levels from 100 to 5,000 hours.



Kelly Jack and Teresa Taylor

Jack and Taylor to wed

John and Sherri Taylor of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Teresa, to Kelly Jack, son of Galen and Keri Jack of Friona.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on Saturday, June 1, at 5 p.m. in the First Baptist Church at Friona. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Friona High School. She is a junior accounting major at Texas Tech University.

The prospective groom is a 1993 graduate of Friona High School and is a senior agronomy major at Texas Tech.

All-school reunion set for Hart Days

Hart graduates from 1920 through 1995 are invited to have a class representative attend a meeting Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. to discuss plans for an all-school reunion, to be held during the Hart Days celebration on July 27.

The meeting will be held at the Hart Golden Group Building.

Each class representative will be able to take copies of plans for the reunion and notify other Hart exes.

Representatives from the following classes have agreed to attend the planning meeting: 1935 to 1942, 1944 to 1951, 1955, 1958 to 1961, 1963 to 1968, 1971, 1973, 1981 and 1985.

If your class is not on this list and you would like to help plan the reunion by contacting your former classmates, you are invited to attend the Wednesday meeting or call Marguerite McLain at (806) 938-2210 or Polly Simpson at (806) 647-5572 for more information.

RES plans pre-registration

Parents of children who will be entering kindergarten at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt next fall are asked to pre-register their child May 3 at the school's library.

The pre-registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and parents must provide school officials with a copy of their child's birth certificate, shot record and social security number.

Children entering kindergarten next year must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 1996.

Quilters Guild plans workshop, service project

The Friendship Quilters' Guild of Dimmitt will have a "Love Quilt Connection" workshop Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

There is no charge for participating and materials will be provided. Sergers will be provided by the Amarillo New Home dealer. Participants in the workshop will work on lap quilts and children's quilts. Items made during the workshop will be donated to Canterbury Villa and the Child Protective Services Dept.

"Come on out and join us. You can sew for an hour, or stay all day," said Jan Duke, secretary-treasurer of the Guild.

For more information, call Duke at 647-4483, or call Joyce Davis at 647-5362.

Reynolds competes in quarter horse show

Chris Reynolds and his horse, Lucky, competed in several events at the three-day Quarter Horse Classic at Double E Arena in Amarillo over the Easter weekend.

The tandem competed in Halter, Western Pleasure, Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation contests.

Reynolds and Lucky were named Circuit Champions in the Hunt Seat Equitation and were awarded the Youth Novice All-Around Award in the event.

Reynolds is the son of Malcolm and Cyndy Reynolds of Dimmitt.

Cyndy Reynolds showed her 3-year-old gelding, Fancy Golden Boy, in Halter and Showmanship, and they received Circuit Champion award for 3-year-old Geldings in Halter Class and in Novice Amateur Showmanship.



FROM FORMAL WEAR TO BEACH WEAR, these Castro County 4-H'ers modeled it all last Tuesday at South Plains Mall in Lubbock. Senior 4-H'ers from 20 area counties participated in the event, presenting entries which they constructed or bought through comparison shopping. Entries were judged based on appearance, fit and quality. Categories were Casual, Dressy, Formal or Specialty. Castro County participants were (from left) Susan Book of Nazareth, Casual Construction; Tawnee Matthews of Dimmitt, who placed third in Buying Dressy; Vanessa Wilhelm of Nazareth, who was third in Specialty Construction; Kaci Schulte of Dimmitt in Buying Casual; Lyndy Rae Mitchell of Hart, a Cotton Award winner in Dressy Construction; and Margie Durbin of Nazareth, third in Buying Specialty. *Courtesy Photo*

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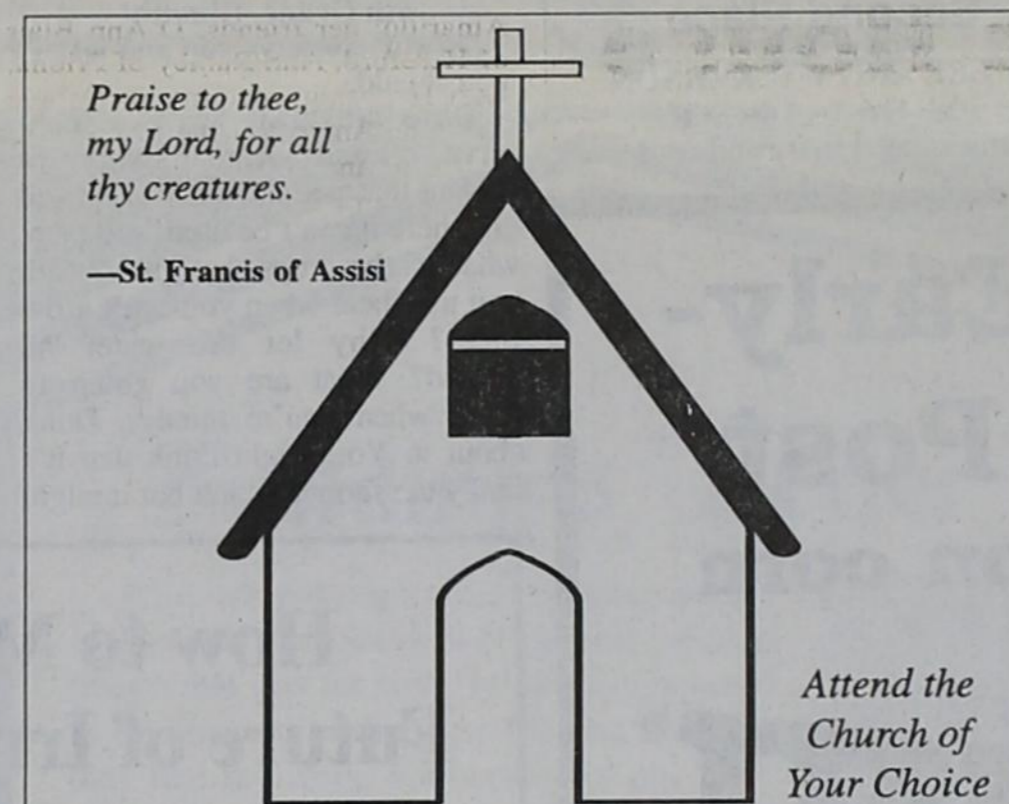
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Conservation district names award winners

The Running Water Soil & Water Conservation District served up a steak dinner, a humorous musical program and prizes to young poster-painters and essayists at its annual awards banquet Friday night at the Expo Building.

Fifty-four persons enjoyed the dinner of steaks grilled by E. M. Jones, baked potatoes provided by David Smith, and salads and desserts made by district directors' wives.

Terri Louder, accompanying herself on the guitar, sang several favorite western songs — "Cool, Clear Water," "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" and others — but with humorous lyrics she wrote herself to depict how her family and other farm families are coping with the ongoing drought.

District Secretary Bob Birkenfeld emceed the banquet and announced the winners of this year's essay and poster contests, while District President Bob Phipps presented awards.

Winners of the poster contest were Jill Merritt of Dimmitt, first place; Jamie Birkenfeld of Nazareth, second; and Omar Torres of Dimmitt, third. Each received a trophy.

Essay contest winners and their prizes were Kristin Hales of Nazareth, first (\$100 savings bond); Lee Ann Wilkerson of Dimmitt, second (\$75 savings bond); and Melissa Maldonado of Dimmitt, third (\$50 savings bond).

District Conservationist Gary Hunter reported on the usage of the district's polysonic flowmeter and its laser level.

He said the flowmeter has been used to measure the output of 2,067 wells since it was purchased in 1990, including 396 wells during 1995 and 214 wells so far in 1996.

The laser level has been used 141 times (202 hours) to shoot lines for ditches, row direction, terraces, diversions, waterways and elevations, benefiting 6,485 acres since May 1990, Hunter reported. He noted that Earl Behrends, soil conservation technician, "has done about 90% of this work."

Here are the winning essays in the Running Water District's 1996 essay contest, conducted for students in grades 6 through 12:

First Place

By KRISTIN HALES
9th Grade, Nazareth

Water is the glue that holds our livelihoods, rural communities, and small towns together. Without water our entire environment would be an arid waste land.

Our forefathers suffered through the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s. The wind eroded and whirled farmland and countryside away. This forced many farmers and stockmen from this area to search for other means of making a living. The strong ones who stayed, learned to use the water to their advantage. They learned farming and irrigation techniques that had never been used before. Caretakers of land in this day and age are forced to make wiser decisions regarding our precious land and water.

It is difficult for city dwellers along the humid coastline to imagine the intense intimacy that rural people in arid regions feel for water. It isn't common, but it isn't unusual either, to hear someone speak of it with almost religious fervor. It all started with flood irrigation and now advance technology has carried us to center pivot sprinklers. Sprinkler systems are a much more effective means of irrigation, rather than flooding. Center pivot irrigation conserves more water. If the Ogallala Aquifer was completely depleted, it would take around 6,000 years to replenish it. It is imperative for city dwellers, farmers, and ranchers to practice conservation to survive.

Water is a major resource for people across the country, urban and rural alike, and we are only just beginning to learn that it is very precious!

Second Place

By LEE ANN WILKERSON
10th Grade, Dimmitt
Farmers need to try and conserve



CONSERVATION WINNERS—Winners honored at the Running Water District's annual awards banquet Friday night were (from left) Jill Merritt, first place, poster contest; Omar Torres, third place, poster contest; and Melissa Maldonado, third place, essay contest. Other winners, who weren't present, were Jamie Birkenfeld, second place, poster contest; Kristin Hales, essay contest winner; and Lee Ann Wilkerson, second place, essay contest. Photo by Don Nelson

soil and water.

There are numerous ways that farmers can conserve soil and water. They can have tail water pits, use sprinklers, have pot holes (in case it rains enough), leave stubble on the fields, use windbreaks, plant grass, plant wheat on layout ground, and have waterways.

If all the farmers would think about what the future would be like without enough water to farm, they might take the time to try and conserve the soil and water. Farmers need to think about the future generations that will want to farm when they get old enough.

If we all start conserving soil and water, it could last for a long time. And the farmers will still have jobs. More and more farmers are putting on sprinklers; now if they would only try and use the other conservation practices, it could help conserve and farming could continue for years to come.

Third Place

By MELISSA MALDONADO
6th Grade, Dimmitt

Do you conserve soil and water? You should.

There are many ways to conserve soil and water. It's very important that you do so. Why let soil go where it can't be used, and then, what of the crops that grow? Can you use them when you can't grow them? Why let the water be wasted? What are you going to drink when you're thirsty? Think about it. You might think that it's really the farmer's fault but it might

even be you.

Here are some ways to conserve these natural resources:

First, let's talk about how to conserve soil. When it's windy and you have nothing growing in the fields, the good soil blows away where it can't be used. Grow grass to make bales or plant trees to make a windbreak, even around your house. Strong storms can cause soil erosion. Farmers can double-crop to conserve moisture and even money. If they burn the fields, it messes up the soil even if it saves money.

Here is how you can conserve water: Take short showers. Why do you want to come out like a prune or a raisin? Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. Don't play outside with the water hose.

There are lots of other ways. Are you going to conserve now?

5,000 attend cotton show

Over 5,000 persons attended the 89th annual Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Convention and Trade Show in Lubbock.

Those attending included Randy Small, manager of Castro Co-Op Gin in Dimmitt. Small was recognized as the member of the executive committee of TCGA, representing Region 7.

Over 200 exhibitors showed their wares at the meeting, with 175 of them related to the cotton industry.

Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

Competition: The American Advantage



In his book, *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, Dale Carnegie illustrates the value of competition with a story about Charles Schwab. Schwab was the first president of US Steel and earned a million dollars a year in the 1920s. Schwab had a mill manager who simply could not get the mill to make quota. The manager had coaxed, cussed and threatened, but the crews just wouldn't produce.

One day, Schwab visited the mill to discuss the problem with the manager. Near the end of the day shift, Schwab asked for a piece of chalk and turned to the nearest worker. "How many heats did you make on your shift today?" Schwab asked. "Six" was the reply. Without a word, Schwab chalked a huge figure "6" on the floor and walked away.

The next morning, Schwab walked through the mill again. The night shift had rubbed out the "6" and replaced it with an even larger "7." When the day shift reported for work a little later, they saw the big "7" on the floor. The day crew decided to show the night shift a thing or two. They pitched in with enthusiasm and, when they went home that afternoon, left behind an enormous, swaggering "10."

Within weeks, this mill that had been lagging way behind in production became one of the most productive in the company. How did it happen? Charles Schwab explained it like this: "The way to get things done is to stimulate competition. I do not mean in a sordid, money-getting way, but in the desire to excel."

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The desire to excel

Competition brings out the best in business, products and people. Henry Ford II said, "Competition is the keen cutting edge of business, always shaving at costs."

Today, America enjoys one of the highest standards of living in the world. Even our poor are wealthy by comparison. One of the reasons we have achieved greatness is our desire to excel. To prove our worth, to express ourselves, to win at the game of life—that is our motivation. It is not the competition itself that drives us; it is the desire to excel and prove our importance.

Of course, in our free-enterprise system profit plays an important role. However, businesses today must be careful not to place profit ahead of customer satisfaction. Satisfy the customer first and focus on continual improvement, and profits will follow in a well-managed firm.

This is especially true as we face increasingly tough global competition. While some complain that the world's playing field isn't level, others go out and grab chunks of global market share. The difference is an attitude of healthy competition.

Celebrate the freedom

We in America are truly blessed with freedom. Though our freedom extends far beyond free enterprise and competition, I'm still grateful for the freedom to compete in a free-market system.

I'm also grateful that we do not have to agree with each other to enjoy our freedom. Adlai Stevenson said, "Freedom rings where opinions clash." Former President Kennedy said, "The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it."

Celebrate your competitive freedom this week. Do your part to raise the level of competition in your work area. Let's get better at whatever we do. We can raise the standard, secure our future and guarantee our freedom at the same time. Competition is the American advantage.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

Cotton Talks

Some speculation about how the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (FAIR) of 1996 will be enacted was laid to rest on April 12 at the 39th annual meeting of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Guest speakers for the organization's meeting were US Dept. of Agriculture Farm Service Agency staffers Richard O. Newman, deputy administrator for farm programs; and Wayne Bjorlie, director of the fibers analysis division.

Newman and Bjorlie provided the group with the latest information as USDA prepares regulations that will govern the new farm program.

"One thing we do know, is the new program will bring a fundamental change in the way producers view the government and how they react to the changing environment of the marketplace," said Donald Johnson, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers.

The FAIR Act frees producers from government authorized planting restrictions and allows them more freedom to plant according to market demand. In exchange for this

freedom, producers agree to receive fixed, but declining payments during the seven-year life of the program.

A one-time sign-up for the new program is set to begin May 20 and will run through July 12. Producers will have only one chance to sign the seven-year contract to participate in the program. Farms with a planting history in one of the past five years for program crops will be eligible for the program.

First-year payment rates are estimated at about 9¢ per pound for upland cotton producers.

Additional information about the new program will be made available as it is released by USDA. Anyone interested in accessing several fact sheets being published by USDA about the new farm program can do so through the Internet at the following address:

<http://www.usda.gov/farmbill/>

Producers wanting to get more information about the new farm bill and the cotton program should plan to attend one of four upcoming meetings sponsored by the National Cotton Council.

The first will be held in Plainview at the Ollie Liner Ag Center at 9 a.m. on Monday. Another will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Holiday Inn-Civic Center in Lubbock. The third site will be the Dawson County Community Center in Lamesa Monday at 7 p.m. The fourth meeting will be held in the Seminole Civic Center Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.'s board of directors elected new officers on April 12. They include Jackie Burris of Wellman, president; Don Langston of Lubbock, vice president; and Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg, secretary-treasurer.

Outgoing president Frank Jones of Lamesa replaces Wayne Huffaker of Tahoka as immediate past president and chairman of the PCG Board of Directors.

Interest on the federal debt consumes about one in every five dollars the government has.



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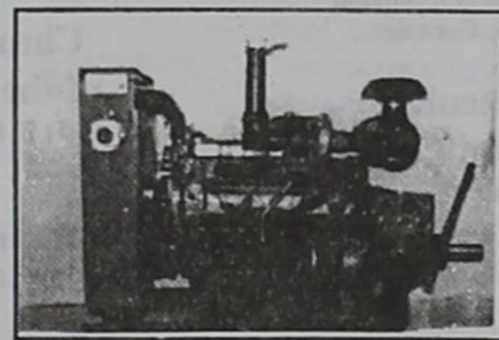
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Technology students bring home 23 golds

Derek Buckley, Greg Fuller, Jeanette Sanchez, Eddie Maldonado and Erica Cavazos each crafted a woodworking project which was named "Best in Division" at the regional technology contest, and that group lead a host of Dimmitt students who placed first in the event.

The regional on-site contest was held in Levelland on March 28 while the project competition was held at Cavazos Junior High in Lubbock Saturday.

The club project, restoration of an International Scout, was judged first and best in division.

Dimmitt students captured first places in the stock racer, racer, radio controlled vehicle, rocket, wood-working, written and other contests.

Here's how Dimmitt students placed at the regional meet. First place winners will advance to the state contest the first weekend in May.

Super Stock CO² Racer: 1. Jason Hall.

Ute CO² Racer: 1. Hall.

Radio-Controlled Vehicle: 1. Hall.

Rocket (kit): 3. Chris Paxton.

WRITTEN EXAMS

Manufacturing Graphics: 7. Jeremy Matthews.

Construction Graphics: 4. Christy Reyes, 5. Gracie Martinez.

Communication Graphics: 1. Erica Cavazos, 2. Martinez, 3. Reyes.

Energy Systems: 2. Paxton, 7. Mario Lopez.

Power/Transportation Systems: 6. Pedro Quintana, 7. Paxton.

Electricity/Electronics Systems: 1. Oscar Vasquez, 2. Quintana, 4. Linda Trigo.

Construction Systems: 5. Lopez.

Computer Applications: 1. Jason Hargrove.

GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS

Communication Systems: 3. Robert Sepeda, 7. Cody Brockman.

Manufacturing Graphics: 3. Sergio Pedroza, 7. Martinez.

Construction Graphics: 5. Pedroza, 6. Jason Heck.

Communication Graphics: 2. Pedroza, 2. Zak Felts, 3. Arturo Ornelas, 5. Tony Olmos, 7. Quintana.

Power/Transportation Systems: 1. Oscar Vasquez, 3. Trigo, 4. Ornelas, 5. Quintana, 7. Felts.

Research and Design (NQE CO² Car): 1. Hall.

Students with projects entered in Woodworking I captured seven firsts, two seconds, three thirds and four fourth places at regional. Three of the projects were Best in Division and another was runner-up.

Best in Division honors went to Buckley for his grandfather clock, Fuller for his gun cabinet and Sanchez for her wall clock. Brandon Allison was a first-place winner and runner-up Best in Division honoree for his water bed.

Other first place winners from Dimmitt were Anthony Vidal with his cedar chest, Jim Don Laurent for his china hutch and Cory Lust with his gun cabinet.

Those finishing second with entertainment units were Stacy Villanueva and Aaron Ewing.

Third place winners were Cody Brockman, who made a book case; Rusty Wooten, who created a coffee table; and Robert Sepeda, who made a telephone table.

Placing fourth were Jessica Ramirez with a cedar chest, Tony Olmos with a chest of drawers, Mario Lopez with a set of lamp tables and Abigail Torres with a coffee table.

The Woodworking II students from Dimmitt captured four gold medals and two Best in Division Awards.

The Best in Division honors went to Eddie Maldonado, who made a coffee table; and Erica Cavazos, who built a vanity dresser. Maldonado also finished first with a set of lamp tables. Trigo's wall curio also captured first place honors.

Finishing second place with an entertainment unit (armoire) was Christy Reyes.

Felts's coffee table and Michael Glidewell's entertainment unit placed third.

In the Metalworking I contest, Mario Lopez placed first with a trailer and a grill.

Jayson Heck competed in Metalworking II and finished first with a trailer.

Jeremy Hall and Pedroza teamed to finish first with their architectural model.

Jason Hall and Jeremy Hall teamed to finish third in the Structure (NQE) Bridge competition.



THESE CASTRO COUNTY YOUNGSTERS designed the best bookmarks among entries in Child Protective Services recent contest. Students in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth designed and colored bookmarks based on the theme, "I Can" during April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention

Month. Winners were (standing, from left) Quentin Jones, Kyla Schacher, Jessica Guerrero, Dolores Rocha, Dana Gonzales and Jennifer Fuentes; and (seated, from left) Christina Moctezuma, Lesley Brockman and Geneva Finch. Photo by Anne Acker

Sales tax rebates are up

Dimmitt will receive a sales tax rebate this month for \$22,661, significantly higher than the rebate received last April. For the year, Dimmitt's rebate this month is \$1,071, 83% higher than the \$12,372 received last April. For the year, Dimmitt has received \$96,448, up 10.6%.

"Sales tax rebates are up significantly over April of last year," said State Comptroller John Sharp. State-wide, sales tax rebates averaged 18.7% over those of April 1995. Sales tax figures outpace the growth in number of jobs and new businesses in Texas.

Castro County's rebate this month is \$9,276, up 42.5% from the \$6,509 received last April. For the year, the county's rebates total \$41,043. Last April, the rebates for the year to date were \$38,358.

The county's rebate is used to directly defray the amount of ad valorem taxes assessed by the county. Rebates are used for various purposes by cities.

Hart's rebate this month is \$1,017. Last April, it was \$1,017. For the year, Hart is lagging 11.5%, with \$4,648 collected compared to \$5,250

for the first four months of 1995.

Nazareth has received \$802 this month. Last April, the rebate was \$768. For the year, Nazareth has earned \$3,452, compared with \$3,728 for the first four months of 1995.

Rebates were also higher in Plainview, Lubbock and Amarillo.

Golden Spread expanding

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., has announced plans to construct a new 400 megawatt high efficiency gas-fueled generating station as part of a new power supply plan that is expected to save \$1 billion in wholesale power costs for its 11 member systems.

The plant, to be named Mustang Station, is estimated to cost \$175 million and will be constructed on property controlled by Golden Spread. It is located about four miles east of Denver City.

GS Electric Generating Cooperative, Inc., wholly-owned affiliate of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, will own and operate the new power plant and will sell the output to Golden Spread.

"The new power supply plan is expected to save Golden Spread's members and their consumers 8% over projections based on current costs of purchasing wholesale power," said Robert W. Bryant, Golden Spread president.

In 1990, Golden Spread also considered proposals to reduce wholesale power costs. At that time Golden Spread accepted an offer from Southwestern Public Service Company that saved the cooperative 10.2% in power costs over an alternative that involved purchasing a portion of its needs from another utility.

Black and Veatch, a Kansas City, Mo., based engineering firm, will design and construct the new plant. Construction will begin in September, and Golden Spread expects to be taking power from the site in June 1998.

The plant design calls for installation of three combustion turbine-generators and a steam turbine. Two heat recovery steam generators will capture waste heat from the exhaust of two of the combustion turbines to produce steam to operate the steam turbine. This "combined cycle" arrangement will result in more than a 25% reduction in the fuel needed to produce electric energy compared to either the combustion turbine generators or the steam turbine generator operating alone, according to Bryant.

The third combustion turbine will initially serve only peak loads, but can be converted to operate in combined-cycle in the future when loads justify the additional cost.

Golden Spread has an application pending with the Texas Public Utility Commission seeking approvals needed for Golden Spread to purchase power from its affiliate cooperative, and certification of the wholesale power contract between Golden Spread and the subsidiary.

Golden Spread's actions follow years of study and evaluation to find the best means of serving the loads of its 11 member systems, including such local cooperatives as Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative and Swisher Electric Cooperative.

Because additional power resources are needed to meet area loads by 1998, Golden Spread filed a request on Sept. 15, 1994, for approval by the PUC of a notice of intent to construct a 400 megawatt power plant. PUC approved Golden Spread's notice of intent on April 17, 1995.

However, the Texas Legislature amended the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) effective last Sept. 1 to eliminate the need for a notice of intent. The legislature also amended PURA to allow exempt wholesale generators to sell power at wholesale in Texas.

As part of its planning process, Golden Spread hired the consulting firm of R.W. Beck to conduct an all-source competitive bidding process, and to independently evaluate alternative power supply proposals from other utility and non-utility suppliers. Golden Spread received proposals from 11 bidders offering multiple power supply options. Bids included 2,555 megawatts of supply-side capacity and 11 megawatts of demand-side load reduction. Due to electric transmission limitations almost all bids were for new capacity.

At the conclusion of the evaluation of proposals received, R.W. Beck ranked two generating proposals developed by Golden Spread superior to all other supply-side alternatives. Golden Spread continues to evaluate demand-side proposals.

Golden Spread continued negotiations with finalists bidders SPS, CSW Energy, Inc., of Dallas, and LS Power Corp., of St. Louis, Mo. The

decision of the Golden Spread board to proceed with its own plan followed intense negotiations with bidders and presentations by bidders to the board.

Golden Spread currently purchases all of its member systems' capacity and energy requirements under full requirements contracts, primarily with SPS. A small amount is bought from West Texas Utilities Company to serve three delivery points for Greenbelt Electric Cooperative. Under these contracts Golden Spread has no direct access to low cost economy energy sources, no resources with which it can compete for sales to other suppliers, and only a very limited ability to deal with changing circumstances, such as loss of load or retail competition.

The new power supply plan will provide Golden Spread with a diverse portfolio of low cost resources to serve member system loads, creating important flexibility for dealing with future risks and uncertainty in a rapidly evolving electric marketplace. It will create opportunities to sell excess power and energy, taking advantage of newly opened transmission paths. During off-peak periods low cost surplus power will become available from the Mustang Station and from purchases Golden Spread will be making from SPS.

Golden Spread will continue to purchase about 220 megawatts of power from SPS following the completion of Mustang Station. Golden Spread may purchase additional power and energy from SPS or others to diversify its power supply resources and to meet its load growth.

The real danger is not that computers will begin to think like men, but that men will begin to think like computers. —Sydney J. Harris

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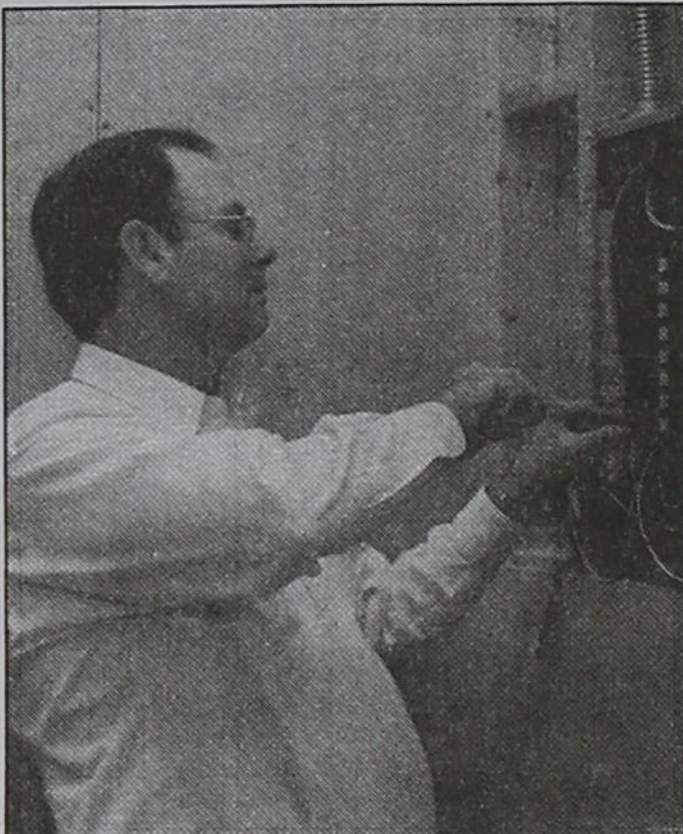
It's a one-man operation for James Baker of Baker Electric Services of Dimmitt, and he likes it that way for now. "I think people want to do business with Baker Electric because they like my work, not because of any employees I might hire," James said. "I appreciate the business I've gotten and the faith my customers have shown in me and my work." He works out of his pickup and keeps his mobile phone with him at all times.

After three years of operation, Baker Electric owes most of its expanding customer base to word of mouth recommendations. "I've been fortunate in the jobs I have gotten," James said.

Baker Electric does electrical contracting for residential, agricultural, and commercial projects ranging from new construction to remodeling to simple repairs and installation. He works on wiring for well motors and sprinklers, as well as television antennas (he constructs and installs towers for them, too). He performs installation of DSS dishes for a local dealer, too.

James said most of his business is done in county, and he obtains 95% of the materials he works with from local suppliers. He obtained his electrician's license through the City of Dimmitt, and said that the city is very cooperative and prompt in performing required inspections of his work.

James said his interest in electricity was sparked by a class he took his senior year of high school. He obtained four years of training and experience in electronics with the Navy, and worked with an electronics firm in Dallas before moving to Dimmitt. He worked



as superintendent for 14 years at Bruegel & Sons Elevator, and did a lot of electrical work there.

His wife is the former Sandra Bruegel, and she is an LVN employed at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. They have two children, Tori, a student at South Plains College in Levelland; and Jamie Mendoza, a graduate of Texas Wesleyan University who lives in Lubbock with her husband, Frank.

A member of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church, James participates in the church choir and men's quartet. He is also a member of the Dimmitt Lions Club and the local Masonic Lodge. One of his hobbies is wood working, and he has done some minor repair work, too.

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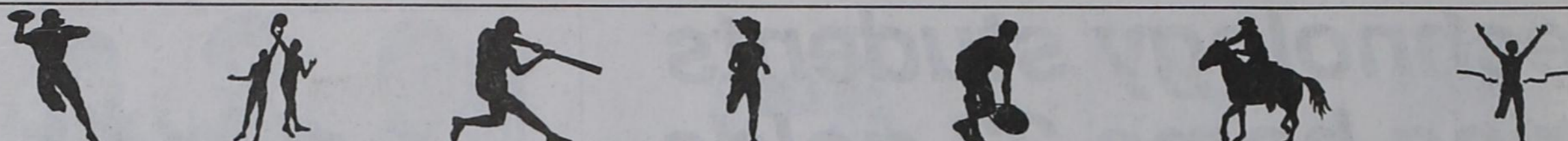
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Sports



Area runners to compete for state berths in regional meets this week

Area runners hope to earn berths to the state meet at regional events this weekend in Odessa, Abilene and Levelland.

Nazareth will go to the Region I-A Meet at South Plains College, while Hart's hopefuls will travel to Abilene for the Region I-AA Meet. Dimmitt will send a dozen athletes to the Region I-AAA Meet in Odessa.

Many of the athletes tuned up last weekend at regional qualifiers' meets held in the area. Former 800 meter state champion Joey Flores of Dimmitt dipped below two minutes for the first time this year at a meet in Amarillo. Flores won the race in 1:59.32, while teammate D.J. Fleeks

was a close third in 2:01.64.

Also taking home first place awards from the meet were Casey Hoelting of Nazareth, winner of the mile in a season's best 4:46.44, three seconds better than the rest of the field in the all-comers event; Dimmitt's Richard Ewing, with a leap of 21-6 in the long jump; and the Dimmitt boys' mile relay, first by two seconds over Amarillo High in 3:23.57.

The county's girls were led by Dimmitt's Amy Ethridge, third in the 800 in 2:31.68, and Amy Matthews, third in the quarter in 63.75.

In the Abernathy meet last Friday, the Nazareth girls' mile relay was second in 4:16.16, a half-second behind Clarendon. Isela Minjarez was second and Lisa Rincon was third in the 1600; and Rincon picked up the bronze in the 3200.

Minjarez gets the county's first chance at a state berth when the 3,200 meter final begins Friday at 9 a.m. at Elmer Gray Stadium on the campus of Abilene Christian University. Field events will start Friday at 10 a.m., and running prelims start at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, field events start at 9 a.m., and running finals are at 2 p.m.

In Odessa, Jerome Larra will get the first crack for Dimmitt runners when he gets started at 1:30 p.m. Friday. Field events at Odessa begin Friday at 11 a.m. and Saturday at 10

a.m. Friday's running preliminaries start at 2:30 p.m., and finals are Saturday at 12:15 p.m.

In Levelland, Hoelting gets the first call for the 3200 at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the day's only running final. Field events begin Friday at 10 a.m., with running prelims at 2:30 p.m. On Saturday, field events kick off at 10 a.m., and running finals begin at 1 p.m.

Here are the county's regional qualifiers for this weekend's meets:

Region I-AAA Dimmitt Girls

400 meter relay; 1600 meter relay; Jennifer Vick in long jump and 300 low hurdles; Amy Ethridge and Jessica Vasquez in 800 meters; Kaml Jo Hand in 200 meters; Amy Matthews in 400.

Dimmitt Boys

400 meter relay; 1600 meter relay; Joey Flores and D.J. Fleeks, 800; Flores, 400; Jerome Larra, 1600 and 3200; Brandon Smith, high jump; Richard Ewing, long jump.

Region I-AA Hart Boys

J.R. Lee, 110 hurdles; Armando Minjarez, discus.

Hart Girls

400 meter relay; 800 meter relay; Ysa Rodriguez, 100; Tylene Garcia, 200; Charbra Lee, 100 meter hurdles; Isela Minjarez, 800 and 1600; Lisa Rincon, 1600 and 3200.

Region I-A Nazareth Boys

Casey Hoelting, 1600 and 3200; Jayson Burnam, triple jump.

Nazareth Girls

Mile relay; Melinda Schmucker, 400; Misti Ball, 3200.

Lady golfers enjoy playday

Several lady golfers from Dimmitt fared well in the High Plains Lady Golf Association's April Play Day in Friona and the local team earned four points toward the traveling trophy.

Mozelle Hall of Dimmitt recorded low putts in the first flight with 33. In the second flight, Treena Matthews recorded low net with 73. Patty Summers finished with low gross of 99 in the fourth flight and Cyndy Reynolds was low net with 74 in the fourth flight. Also playing was Teri Lynn Cook.

Those participating enjoyed grilled hamburgers for lunch. The next Play Day will be held May 8 in Muleshoe.



HIT THE DIRT! Dimmitt Coach Bobby Feaster (46) implores Zeke Nino (right) to slide into third base during the third inning Saturday in a District 2-AAA game at Shallowater. Dimmitt won the game, 11-7, to earn a share of the district lead. Photo by John Brooks



HE'S IN THERE! A Shallowater runner (12) is called safe as Dimmitt catcher Richard Carpio (left) applies the tag in the third inning of a District 2-AAA matchup at Shallowater Saturday. The run gave Shallowater a 6-5 lead, but Dimmitt came back to win the game, 11-7. The victory moved the Bobcats into a four-way tie for the district lead with a 3-2 mark. Photo by John Brooks

Fifth inning rally lifts Dimmitt over Shallowater Saturday, 11-7

Dimmitt claimed a slice of first place Saturday with an 11-7 win at Shallowater.

The win pushed the baseball Bobcats to 3-2 halfway through the District 2-AAA campaign. That tied Dimmitt with Muleshoe, Floydada and Friona with five games to play.

It was also the second-straight win on the road in conference play. In fact, last week's win over Muleshoe at George Howell Park was Dimmitt's first win at home this season. The Bobcats have just two home games left, including Saturday's contest at 1 p.m. vs. Littlefield, and a May 7 rematch with Shallowater.

Shallowater reached Dimmitt starter Zac Matthews for three runs in the bottom of the first, but the Bobcats bounced back to take a 5-3 lead in the second.

Dimmitt had four big hits in the second, including singles by Jason Nino, Manuel Velasquez and Dwayne Espinosa, and a double by Matthews to tie the score at three. Luis Nino then hit a ball to the wrong place—square in the middle of the Shallowater right fielder's glove. The ball fell out of the glove and to the turf, chasing home two

runners to give Dimmitt a 5-3 lead. Shallowater plated three unearned runs in the bottom of the third to take a 6-5 lead, but Dimmitt came back in the fifth for five runs to take the lead for good.

Dimmitt had just two hits in the inning, but the Bobcats put the ball in play and took advantage of three Shallowater miscues. Jason Nino, Velasquez, Ramiro Gauna, Espinosa, Luis Nino and Zeke Nino all put the ball in play in order to start the inning. Richard Carpio kept things going with a sacrifice bunt, and Jason Wooten drew a walk to continue the run parade.

Shallowater managed a run in the bottom of the frame before Matthews pitched his way out of the jam.

In the sixth, Velasquez walked to lead off the inning. Two outs later,

Matthews, Luis Nino and Zeke Nino each drew walks to force home Velasquez for the final run.

Matthews went the distance to earn his fifth win of the season. "He really stepped up and did a great job," Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster said. "He pitched smarter as the game went on. He got into some trouble there in the third and a little in the fifth, but he came back and set them down really well."

Matthews picked up three assists on the afternoon, and started one of two double plays the Bobcats turned on the afternoon.

"Jason Wooten also had a good game at shortstop for us," Feaster said. "We've played two years at Shallowater, and those two games have probably been the best Jason has played in his years in the baseball program."

Dimmitt Kids, Inc. lists basketball standings

Last Thursday, league standings were announced for the Dimmitt Kids, Inc. basketball program. Also, awards were given to participants,

and winners of drawing prizes were announced.

In the major league for boys, team rankings were: 1. Wright & Sons Produce, 2. Castro Oil & Gas, 3. Head Hunters, 4. Flagg Fertilizer, 5. B&W Aerial Spray, 6. Dimmitt Consumers, and 7. NAPA Auto Parts/Dimmitt Equipment.

Rankings for the major girls league were: 1. First United Bank, 2. First Bank, Dimmitt Branch, 3. American Maize-Products, 4. Mr. Burger, and 5. Lane Dirt. Minor girls league placings were: 1. Thrasher's Auto Sales, 2. Pancake House, 3. Hi Plains Oil Co., 4. Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, and 5. Dimmitt Agri-Industries.

In the minor league for boys, rankings stood at: 1. Dimmitt Ready Mix, 2. Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt, 3. Gary's Engine & Machine, 4. Big M's and 1 Bullet, and 5. Seale Florist & Gifts.

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Photos of first place teams in Dimmitt Kids, Inc. basketball will be run in the May 2 issue of the News.

Wethington and Schulte earn trip to state tourney

Carie Wethington and Robin Schulte had to play an extra match to reach the Class A state tournament, but it was worth every minute to the duo.

The girls' doubles team advanced to the semifinal round of the Region 1-A tennis tournament, only to lose Tuesday morning to eventual champions, Jamie Riggs and Crystal Frame of Booker.

Wethington and Schulte bounced back to take third with a victory over teammates K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier, then won a playback match against Kristy Johnson and Krystal Bell of Garden City to finish second.

Nazareth had two girls' doubles teams and two singles players competing in the regional tournament, which was played Monday and Tuesday at Levelland.

Every Nazareth player advanced to the semifinal round, and each lost in that round.

Melinda Schmucker came back from her semifinal loss to finish third; Gerber and Pohlmeier were fourth after losing to Wethington and Schulte; and Marcus Brockman was fourth in boys' singles.

In Monday's first and second round games, Nazareth netters swept their opponents to reach the semifinals.

In girls' doubles, Wethington and Schulte beat Kendra Longbrake and Lynsee Bayer of Meadow, 6-1, 6-0; then topped Raquel Rivera and Andrea Cordero of Fort Hancock, 6-2, 6-2.

Gerber and Pohlmeier breezed past Sandie Conrad and Kay Case of Groom, 6-2, 6-2; and outlasted Kandi Urquizo and Stephanie Barrera of Crowell in a split set decision, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Brockman handled his first round opponent, Zane Rhyne of Balmorhea, 6-1, 6-2. He had his hands full in the second round, but managed to post a 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 win over Ross Moore of Fort Davis.

After winning her first set against Schalee Lewis of Dawson, 6-1, Schmucker had to win a tiebreaker in the second set to advance to the quarterfinal round. Lewis took Schmucker to 6-6, but Schmucker dominated the tiebreaker, winning 7-1. In her second match, Schmucker destroyed Jody Miller of Booker, 6-

0, 6-1.

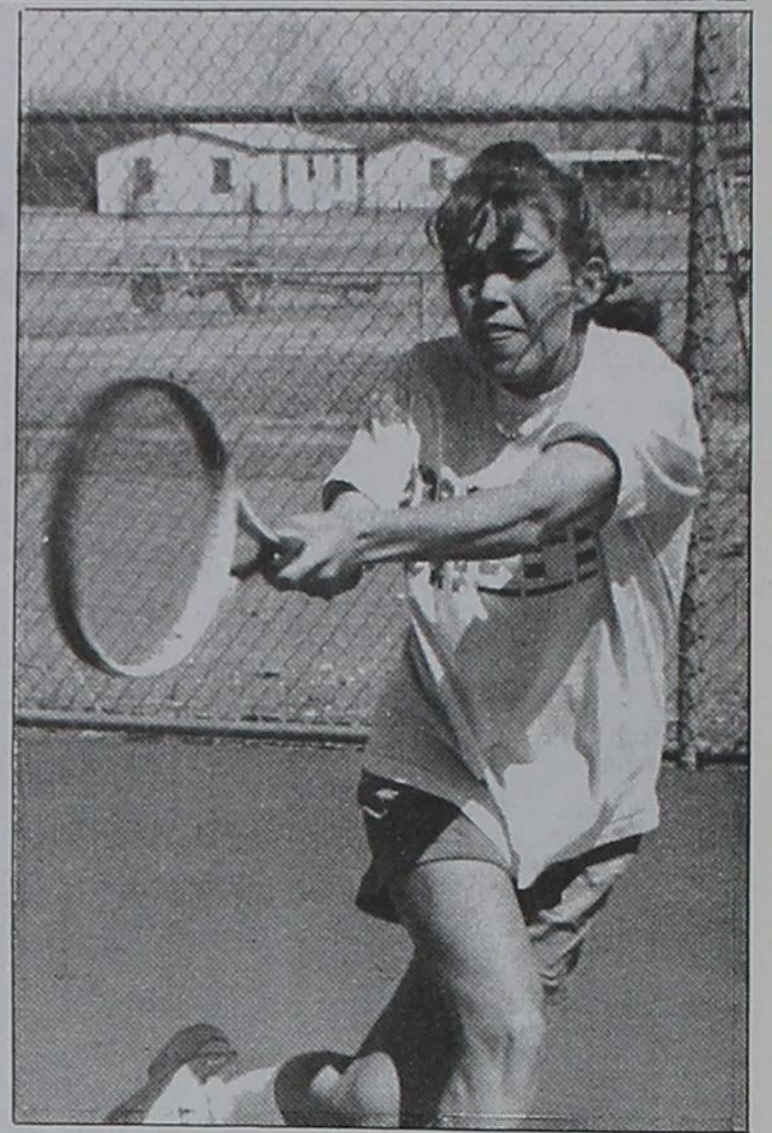
The semifinal matches proved to be bad for Nazareth all around.

Schmucker lost to Eva Kotounova of Paducah, 4-6, 2-6; Brockman was beaten by Stefano Sartori of Texline, 2-6, 0-6; Gerber and Pohlmeier lost to Johnson and Bell, 4-6, 3-6; and Wethington and Schulte dropped their match to Riggs and Frame, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6.

After her semifinal loss, Schmucker came back to beat Sylvia Elseman of Fort Elliot, 6-4, 6-1, to finish third.

Brockman wasn't as lucky, losing his bid for third, 4-6, 2-6, to Tommy Guterrez of Anton.

Wethington and Schulte topped Gerber and Pohlmeier in the third-place showdown, 6-2, 6-4; then beat Johnson and Bell, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, in the playback to earn the trip to state.



CLASS A STATE QUALIFIERS IN GIRLS' DOUBLES ... Robin Schulte (left) and Carie Wethington of Nazareth

Cats drop second 2-AAA game to Friona

Dimmitt failed to capitalize on a big chance to get back in the baseball game Tuesday, dropping an 11-6 decision at Friona.

The loss moved the Bobcats into a third-place tie with Muleshoe in District 2-AAA at 3-3, a game out of first with four games to play. Floydada and Friona are 4-2, tied for first.

The game was marred by a delay of an hour and 20 minutes because of a snafu over umpires' scheduling. The game was to start at 5:30 p.m., and the final out wasn't recorded until 9:15 p.m.

"That's not the reason we lost, but that delay sure didn't help us," said Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster. "There's nothing we can do about it now, but we can certainly call the people in charge of making the schedules and let them know how displeased we were."

Dimmitt was also without starting catcher and No. 5 hitter Richard Carpio, who was ill. The loss hurt the Bobcats much more at the plate than in the field. Richard Martinez started the game behind the plate, while Manuel Velasquez moved in from right field to catch the last four innings.

Friona took a 1-0 advantage in the bottom of the first. The lead would have been bigger if not for circus catches by Velasquez and Ramiro Gauna.

Dimmitt came back in the top of the second on a run by Velasquez to tie the score. Velasquez had walked, was advanced to second by Jason Wooten, and eventually scored on a ground ball by Jason Nino.

The Bobcats had two runners on with two outs but courtesy runner Sergio Pedroza was thrown out at third trying to steal for the last out of the frame—a cardinal sin is making the first or last out of an inning at third base.

Friona had one hit but two Dimmitt errors in the bottom of the second gave the Chieftains a 2-1 lead.

Dimmitt took the lead in the top of the third. Dwayne Espinoza led off the frame by lining a double to the left field corner. Zac Matthews singled to left, moving Espinoza to third. Espinoza scored on a single to center by Luis Nino, with Matthews moving to third. A ground out by Zeke Nino scored Matthews to put the Bobcats temporarily on top, 3-2.

Jason Nino, who had to go through his warmup regimen twice before the game thanks to the umpire snafu, tired in the third and gave up three runs on three hits for a 5-3 advantage.

In the fourth, Dimmitt went down in order, but reliever Dan Matthews gave up three runs to give the Chieftains an 8-3 cushion.

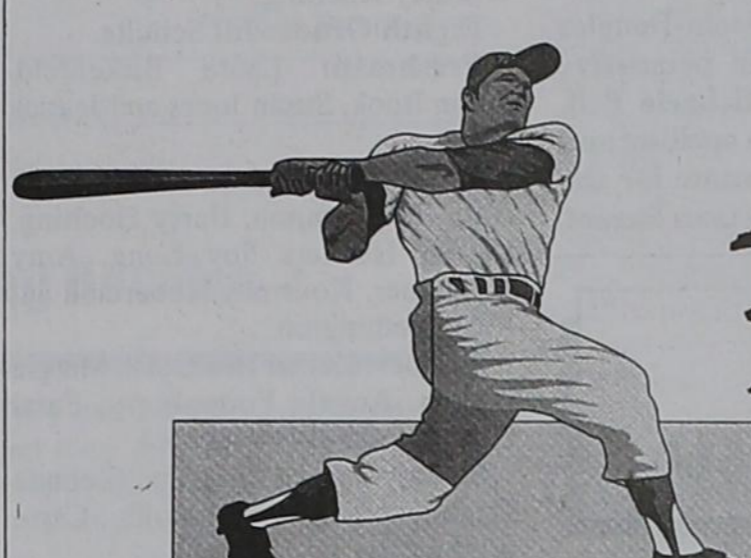
In the fifth, Zac Matthews led off with a walk, stole second and went to third on a ground out. He eventually scored on a wild pitch to cut the gap to 8-4.

Friona threatened to break the game open, but got just one run in the bottom of the fifth. The Chieftains loaded the bases with no one out, but Gauna caught a liner just over his head, then fired home to nail the runner coming from third in a rundown for a double play. Friona eventually did tally, but had just a five run lead after five.

In the top of the sixth, Wooten led off with a walk, and scored on a Jason Nino double to left. One out later, Gauna was hit by a pitch, and Espinoza reached on an infield single off the pitcher's shoulder. The next two Bobcats were retired, ending the threat.

Friona scored two in the bottom of the sixth to push the lead to 11-5. In the top of the seventh, Dimmitt managed a run when Jason Wooten beat out an infield grounder for a hit. He scored on a single to left by Jason Nino to make it a five-run game, but Dimmitt got no closer.

Tuesday's loss was the first road loss in district play for Dimmitt. The Bobcats will host Littlefield in a crucial game Saturday at 1 p.m. at George Howell Park.

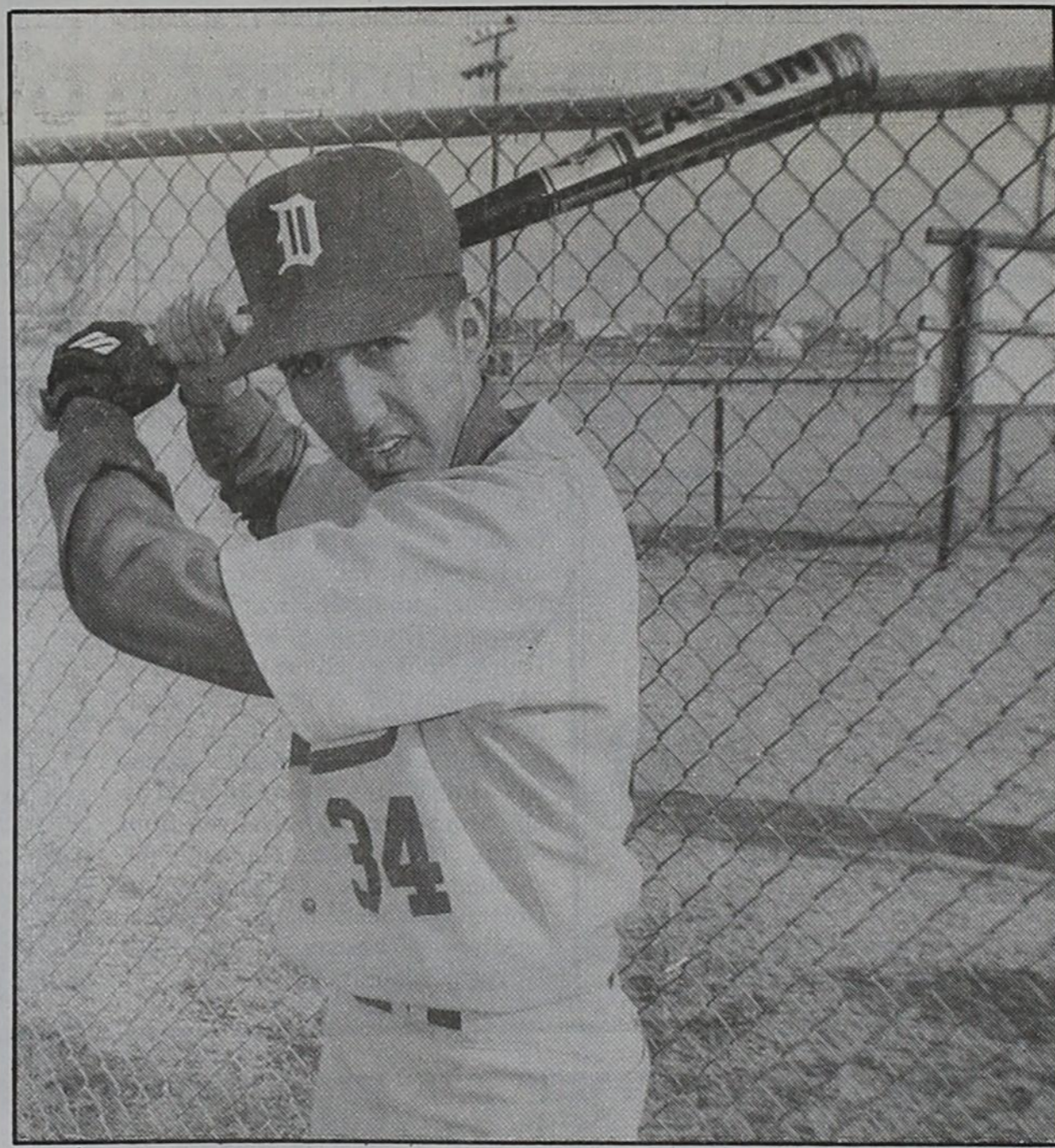


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they said they got a kick out of. It probably wouldn't have been appreciated in a metropolitan hospital by people who don't understand my warped sense of humor.)

I understand a lot of the HMOs and PPOs are getting more lenient now about letting their members choose their own doctors—probably because of public demand. People resent arbitrary assignment by a bureaucracy, especially where their health care is concerned.

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UIL LITERARY EVENTS competitors from Dimmitt High School who qualified for Regional after winning first, second or third at district include (from left) Tracy Grand, third in district and sixth at regional in editorial writing; Joel Townsend, third at district in math; Jimmy Bryan, first in district and in

regional, qualifying him for state, in Lincoln-Douglas debate; and Jennifer Vick, second in persuasive speaking at district. Not shown is Michael Bell, third in district and fifth at regional in spelling and vocabulary. She will be a second alternate for the state contest.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Sunday morning was a very special day for Holy Family Church as the parish witnessed Skyler Birkenfeld, Dusty Braddock, Alan Gerber, Clifford Gerber, Jake Hoelting, Kendra Huseman, Nathan Huseman, Casey Maurer and Darlene Moralez receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, then later their first Holy Communion.

The two readers were Skyler Birkenfeld and Kendra Huseman. Petitions were read by Nathan Huseman, Clifford Gerber, Jake Hoelting, Dusty Braddock and Alan Gerber. Gift bearers were Casey Maurer and the two Christian Formation teachers, Jeanie Birkenfeld and

Church planning softball tournament

Holy Name Catholic Church in Happy will sponsor a 3-2 softball tournament June 21-22.

Entries are due by June 19. Entry fee is \$90 for sanctioned teams and \$95 for non-sanctioned teams. One-half of the fee is required when entering.

For entry information, call Linda Collins at 558-5311 or 558-2033, or Pam Landis at 764-3545.

Dianne Wilhelm.

The parish youth choir, directed by Vicky Kleman, furnished the music.

After the service, Clifford Gerber and Jake Hoelting were honored with a dinner, hosted by their parents, Dan and Karen Gerber and Jim and Sandee Hoelting, at the Gerber country home. Clifford's sponsor—his sister, K'Lynn; and Jake's sponsor—his good friend May Hochstein, were special guests. Others present were grandparents Gilbert and Dolly Schulte, Sylvia Hoelting and Virgie Gerber. Also attending were Doyle and Rosie Kleman; Shawna Gerber; Wade, Nathan, Barry, Whitney and Monty Hoelting; Cory and Kimberly Hoelting; and friends, Todd and Heidi of Tulia, Donna and Bryan Charanza, Jason and Nikki Wethington, and Kenny and Cince Schulte.

Alan Gerber was honored on his First Communion with a dinner at the home of his parents, Mick and Jane Gerber, and his sister, Laura. Special guests were Father Neal Dee and Alan's CCD teachers, Jeanie Birkenfeld and Dianne Wilhelm. Family and others enjoying the meal were Alan's grandparents, Vincent

Guggemos and Leonard and Alvina Gerber, Dorothy Guggemos, Mark Gerber, Joel, Mary Beth, Nick, Stephanie, Lindsey, Erica and Alex Gerber, Roger and Glenda Gerber, Rocky Wilhelm and Candace and Steven Birkenfeld.

We are happy to have Father Neal Dee back with us after his Easter visit to see his mother in Hartford City, Ind. He says she continues a splendid recovery from her recent surgery. He also enjoyed the daily "power nap" that they both took.

Congratulations to Mike and Shelley Huseman on the birth of a boy, Tristen Michael, April 12 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Louis and Gin Huseman and Ralph and Evelyn Albracht, all of Nazareth. Tristen also has a great-grandmother, Margaret Birkenfeld.

The Henry and Kate Birkenfeld clan gathered at the Legion Hall on Saturday, April 20, for the 21st annual reunion. Special guests were Father Neal Dee, who blessed the food at the noon meal; Hilda Birkenfeld of Pryor, Okla., and her grandson, Philip, of Springfield, Mo. The meal consisted of sausage, barbecued beef and all the trimmings, and was enjoyed by everyone. A meeting and auction was held after the meal. Horseshoes were pitched. Family trivia tested the memories of young and old. A game of pick-a-pocket was a hit with the younger generation. Other numerous games and a lot of visiting were enjoyed by all. More than 100 relatives from South Texas, Nazareth and the surrounding area, Oklahoma and Colorado attended the reunion, which was hosted by the Rose Birkenfeld family.

Nazareth honor students are named

Nazareth Independent School District has named its honor students for the fifth six weeks of school.

Students achieving a perfect string of As in their classes during the grading period are:

First Grade: Candace Birkenfeld, Matt Birkenfeld, Holly Kleman, Corey Makeever, Heidi Ramaekers, Troy Ramaekers, Brady Schulte, Dustin Schulte, Macee Schulte and Brandon Wilhelm.

Second Grade: Alan Gerber, Jake Hoelting, Kendra Huseman, J'Lae Merritt and Kasey Wood.

Third Grade: Jenna Acker, Jamie Lynn Birkenfeld, Ross Birkenfeld, Jamie Black, Jordan Hampton, Michael Horn, Garrett Kleman and Orin Schulte.

Fourth Grade: Brock Birkenfeld, Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring, Brett Hoelting and Trey Robb.

Fifth Grade: Carson Gerber, Shane Kleman and Zachary Morris.

Sixth Grade: Blake Birkenfeld, Miranda Burton, Mandy Hoelting and Trinity Robb.

Seventh Grade: Mark Birkenfeld, Lindsey Gerber, Lindsie Gerber and Whitney Hoelting.

Eighth Grade: Jill Schulte.

Freshman: Laura Birkenfeld, Susan Book, Susan Jones and Jessica Kern.

Sophomore: Sara Birkenfeld, Billy Don Cannon, Barry Hoelting, Darren Huckert, Joy Long, Amy Pohlmeier, Kourtney Robertson and Kaci Wethington.

Junior: Heather Braddock, Margie Durbin, Angela Fortenberry, Sarah Olvera and Jill Ramaekers.

Senior: Jaimye Bingham, Melinda Schmucker, Robin Schulte, Carie Wethington.

Those making the B honor roll during the fifth six weeks are:

First Grade: Chris Acker, Jennifer Acker, Lacey Acker, Eric Book, Bradley Gerber, Kaytlin Huseman, Chandra Jordan, Kean Lilley and Val Rich.

Second Grade: Skyler Birkenfeld, Dusty Braddock, Clifford Gerber and Nathan Huseman.

Third Grade: Jeremy Acker, Melina Braddock, Monica



TOP ELEMENTARY CITIZENS in Nazareth Schools during the fifth six weeks of school are (from left) Orin Schulte, third grader; Adam Acker, fifth grader; Heidi Ramaekers, first grader; Alan Gerber, second grader; Brandon Wilhelm, first grader; Ricky Pena, fourth grader; and Joshua Braddock, kindergarten student.

Courtesy Photo

Hernandez, Kelcee Kleman, Keli Schulte, Tyson Schulte, Sierra Wilcox, Jason Wilhelm and Shay Wilhelm.

Fourth Grade: Andrew Brockman, Misty Burton, Sarah Ellison and Lindsey Wood.

Fifth Grade: Adam Acker, Nichole Acker, Craig Birkenfeld, Karen Birkenfeld, Wendy Black, Jenna Braddock, Tyler Ehly, Evan Huseman, Justin Kleman, Justin Myers, Kristi Ramaekers, Kalissia Robertson, Eric Schilling, Megan Schulte, Ross Schulte, Rose Wilhelm and Shelby Wilhelm.

Sixth Grade: Jason Birkenfeld, Lesley Brockman, Laura Gerber, Megan Hoelting, Aaron Kern, Jase Merritt, Elizabeth Olvera, Daryl Pohlmeier, Danette Ramaekers, Kyla Schacher, Ky Wilcox and Jennifer Wilhelm.

Seventh Grade: Tara Kleman, Mark Lange, Mattie McLain, Brooke Moyers, Holly Myers, Bryce Pohlmeier, Wade Price and Adam

Schulte.

Eighth Grade: Cassie Birkenfeld, Melanie Book, Andrea Braddock, Mindi Ethridge, Cameron McLain, Dawn Ramaekers, Sara Schulte, David Verkamp and Karen Wilhelm.

Freshman: Kira Ball, Mandy Birkenfeld, Stephanie Gerber, Kristin Hales, Matthew Kern, Susan Lange, Jessica McGilvray, Heather Schilling, Tiffany Schmucker, Ann Wilhelm and Vanessa Wilhelm.

Sophomores: Jerad Birkenfeld, Leon Birkenfeld, Celina Braddock, Becca Garza, K'Lynn Gerber, Lynsey Hoelting, Trina Johnson and Derrick Schacher.

Junior: Cody Annen, Misti Ball, Justin Bingham, Bryan Braddock, Nick Gerber, Mindy Hoelting, Malcom Jones, B.J. Kern, Tracy Maurer and Coby Schacher.

Senior: Heather Durr, Allyn Garza, Casey Hoelting, Courtney Hoelting, Kelly Jones, Gaylon Schilling and Robby Schmucker.

Former county GOP leader addresses ROW

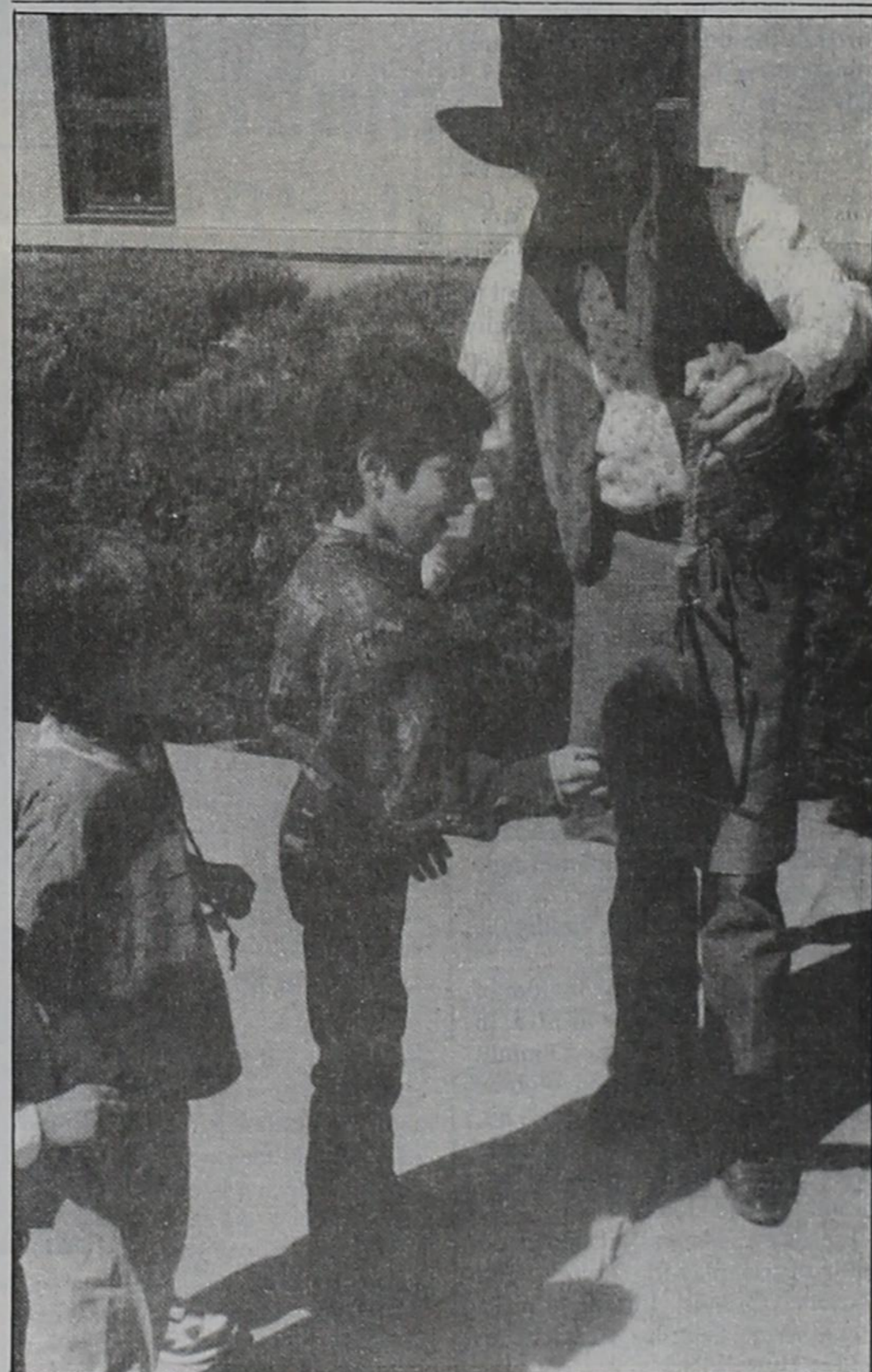
Former Castro County Republican Chairwoman Helene McFarland explained what she considers to be "real Republicans" last Wednesday when she addressed the Republican Organization for Women. Sixteen members and three guests from Olton were present at the meeting.

McFarland urged members to know the facts and to get a firm grasp on the Constitution, to hold legislators to their promises and to keep freedom first and foremost in the format for deciding issues and candidates. She pointed to the importance of giving ones all, both financially and in time spent, to the cause, and to keep hoping for that which takes the country back to the early fathers' wishes. She admonished current Republican legislators for not forcing President Clinton to veto a bill on its merits rather than its "tacked-on" status.

McFarland is a farmer-rancher-homemaker who has been involved in several businesses. She is an artist and was chairman of the county Republican party from 1970 to 1976.

ROW members were given cards to mail to legislators concerning same-sex marriages in Hawaii, welfare reform, misdirected US foreign aid to Russia and its satellites, and the abolishment of the Commerce Department.

Cindy Rohrbach passed out membership lists showing a total of 37 members. Tina Hardcastle, Lamb County Republican Chairwoman, urged the membership to support candidate Hollis Cain in the upcoming general election.



GERARDO REYES, first grader at Richardson Elementary School, rings the lunch triangle held by Charles Ketchum. Students at the school enjoyed an outdoors chuckwagon barbecue and other western events last week as part of the school's annual Reading Roundup. Many students wore their western duds.

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Proceeds from the tree sale will be used to purchase trees for the new VFW recreational vehicle park and the city park.

To order trees, call the Chamber office at 647-2524.

Local VFW post to host 1996 district convention

Charles S. Pearson, former state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will be the guest speaker at the District 13 VFW convention, which will be held May 4-5 at the post home in Dimmitt.

Registration for the district convention will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, and cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per couple.

A "Loyalty Day" program will be held at 4 p.m. on May 4, followed by a social and cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. A country and western dance is planned that evening from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

On Sunday, May 5, registration will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. and cost is \$7.50 per person and \$15 per couple. Sunday activities include a memorial service at 9 a.m., followed by a joint meeting with the VFW and Auxiliary at 9:30 a.m. A welcoming address will be offered by Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins and Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld. A meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. The day's activities will conclude with a luncheon at 12 noon.

District officers include George R. (Bob) Clark, commander; Ron Wilfong, senior vice commander; Jim Swinney, junior vice commander; Joe Bob Mann, quartermaster; and Jose Ambriz, adjutant. District Auxiliary officers are Anita Vardeil, president; Deanna Duke, senior vice president; and Linda Dutton, junior vice president.

Pearson is a life member of Motor Transport Post 1533 in San Antonio and he was state commander during 1990-91, and he earned All-Ameri-

can honors.

After serving as state commander, Pearson served a two-year term (1992-94) as a member of the National Council of Administration, representing Texas on the national level.

Pearson has been a VFW member since 1971 and has served at various levels of his post, district, depart-

ment, state and national levels.

He served in Vietnam with the Air Force. During his 20 years of military duty, 1961 to 1981, he earned the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and two Meritorious Service Medals. He was discharged from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant.



THESE NAZARETH STUDENTS competed in the Class A academic meet in Levelland over the weekend. They include (from left) Sara Birkenfeld in Editorial Writing, who was third in district; Justin Bingham in News Writing, third in district; Jessica Kern in Editorial Writing, first in district; and Sarah

Olvera, who was first in News Writing and second in Editorial Writing at district. Those earning trips to state were Bingham, who was first in News Writing; and Kern, who was third in Editorial Writing. Olvera was sixth in Editorials at regional.

Photo by Brenda Schulte



THREE HART STUDENTS competed in the Region 1-AA UIL Literary meet in Abilene over the weekend after placing in the district meet recently. District winners include (from left) Elissa Velasquez, fourth in Poetry Interpretation (will be allowed to compete at regional); Gayla Reyna, who was third in Prose Interpretation; and Brandi Key, who placed in Literary Criticism.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Dovie Coleman, sister of Flossie Jones, died in Missouri April 13. She was 85. Flossie and another sister from Oklahoma had stayed a month and a half with her, except for a brief period. Flossie was there for the funeral services, also.

Bryan Jones, father of Joyce Wright, is in the Lubbock Care Center and is a dialysis patient. He is 83, but has a birthday coming up. Rev. Benny and Joyce Wright went down after church to see him.

Rev. Benny and Joyce Wright had as their supper guests Saturday their daughter, Judy, and her husband, Ken Williams of Plainview, and their children, Jared and Sarah. They were celebrating Sarah's third birthday.

Kelly and Dara Green, Brandi, Melissa and Will are settled in their home in Sunnyside after remodeling the house.

Teeny Bowden and Clara Vick went out to eat together Friday noon. Plans for the 75th anniversary continue. It is for former pastors and members, present members, and friends near and far. People who are not Baptists but have close ties to the church are planning to attend.

Verba and Ezell Sadler spent the

week at Hubbard Creek Lake near Breckenridge preparing for the Louder reunion Saturday and Sunday. Also, they may attend the Gunsight Homecoming Saturday.

Emma Jean King attended the ROW meeting in Dimmitt last Wednesday. Helene McFarland, a former county chairman, was the speaker.

Billie and Emma Jean King were in Lubbock in the doctor's office Tuesday when the power outage occurred. He had to go back on Friday for tests that had been scheduled Tuesday. He hasn't heard the results yet.

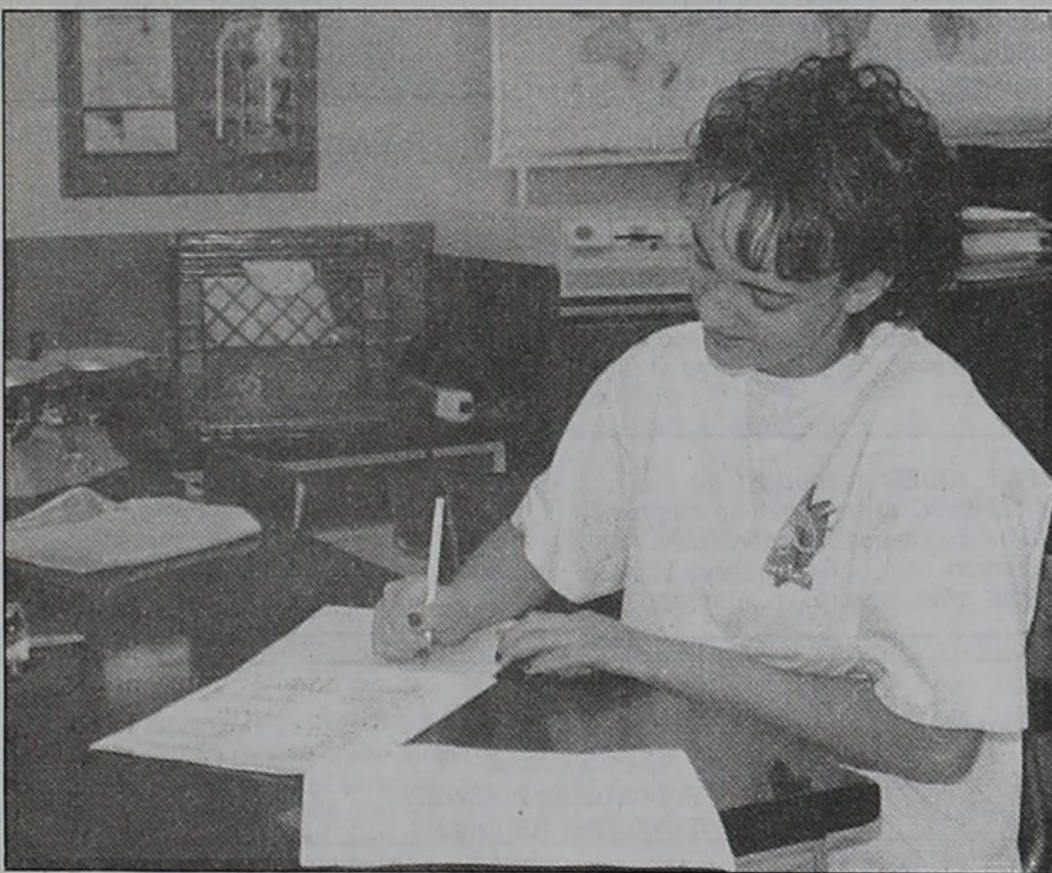
Hershel and Retha Wilson spent Friday and Friday night with Retha's mother, Mrs. Epperson, in Wolforth. Other guests were Sonya Freeman and her fiancé, and Debbie Elder and a friend, Wanda Collins of Burnet, sister of Retha, and Hershel Wilson's mother, Ruby Wilson. Mrs. Epperson went home with Wanda Collins Monday for a week or two.

Frances Duke visited in Canyon with Sandra Duke Saturday afternoon.

Robert and Frances Duke went to see Larry and Lori and the girls.

They had a cookout Saturday night and they got to visit with cousins from Fredericksburg.

Most everyone has been planting corn lately. Some are already through with their planting. It will be another difficult year for farmers if we don't get rain.



NAZARETH SENIOR COURTNEY HOELTING competed in the Region 1-A science competition at Levelland after placing in the event at the district meet recently.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

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24-Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank each and every one for the prayers, cards and beautiful candle I received while I was in the hospital.

ANDY SCHUMACHER
24-3-1tp

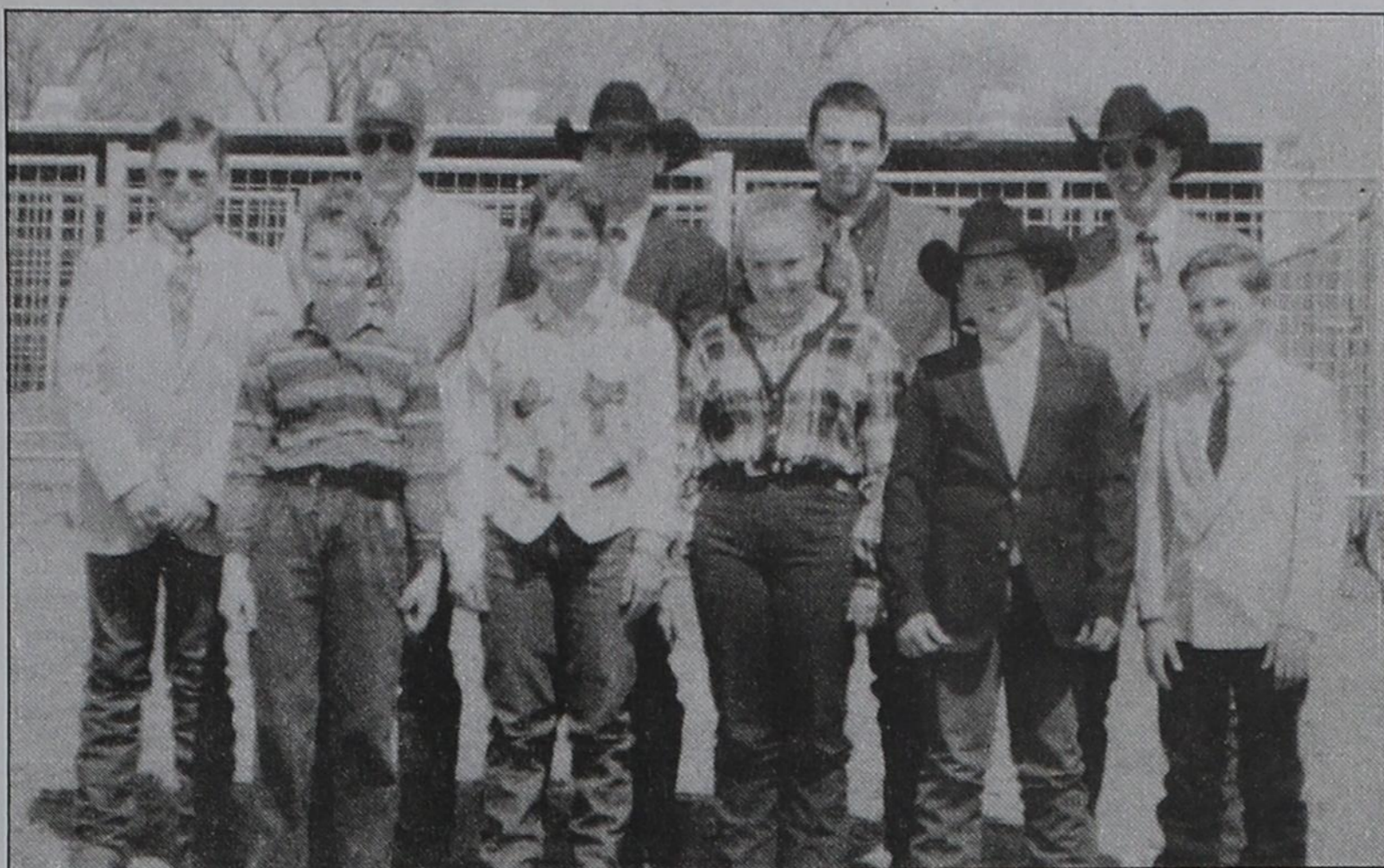
CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank each friend and relative for their love and concern during Bruce's illness and recovery. Your prayers, calls, money, cards and other gifts have been a real blessing to all of us. Each deed that has been done will always be remembered.

It has been very comforting to know everyone far and near has been so thoughtful, caring and understanding during this difficult time.

Bruce still has many months of therapy to go, but is improving each day. Your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery are greatly appreciated. May God bless each of you.

BRUCE & HELLEN ODOM & FAMILY
M.B. & LUCILLE ODOM
KENNETH & JUDY ODOM & FAMILY
SHARON & LYNN COX & FAMILY
LARRY & SANDY ODOM & FAMILY
MIKE & CINDY ODOM & FAMILY
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4-H HORSE JUDGING TEAM MEMBERS—The Castro County 4-H Horse Judging Teams participated at the District 4-H Horse Judging Contest, which was held in Canyon Monday at West Texas State University. Senior team members will advance to the State 4-H Roundup at College Station

in June. Members of both the junior and senior teams include (front, from left) Jennifer Wilhelm, Sage Annen, Kristin Hales, Reece Hales, and Chris Reynolds; and (back, from left) Rusty McDaniel, Rusty Wooten, Cody Annen, James Wilhite and Coby Summers. *Courtesy Photo*

25-Legal Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the 1996 Classroom Addition for Nazareth Independent School District, Nazareth, Texas, will be received by the Board of Trustees on May 7, 1996, at 4 p.m. local time, then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids should be delivered to the Nazareth ISD Superintendent, 101 First St., Nazareth, Texas or mailed to P.O. Box 189, Nazareth, Texas 79063-0189.

The scope of the Project includes construction of a 6,800 square feet Classroom Addition with site improvements. The work will be bid and awarded as separate multiple stipulated sum contracts for the following categories:

- ◆ Site work and Demolition.
- ◆ Concrete.
- ◆ Termite Control.
- ◆ Steel Building, Stl. Bldg. Insulation and Erection.
- ◆ Miscellaneous Metals.
- ◆ Masonry.
- ◆ Glass and Glazing.
- ◆ Metal Framing, Drywall, Suspended Ceiling.
- ◆ Frames, Doors, Hardware, Toilet Partitions.
- ◆ Plastic Clad Wall Panels.
- ◆ Flooring & Base.
- ◆ Painting, Caulking, Vinyl and Exterior Sealants.
- ◆ Rough and Finish Carpentry.
- ◆ Custom Wood Casework
- ◆ Plumbing.
- ◆ Mechanical.
- ◆ Electrical.

Bidding documents may be examined at AGC Plan Room, 1707 W. 8th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas; AGC Plan Room, 8212 Ithaca St., Lubbock, Texas; F.W. Dodge Plan Room, 1800 S. Washington St., Suite 200, Amarillo, Texas.

Bidding documents may be obtained from Greg Huseman, Construction Manager, HCR 1, Box 51, Nazareth, Texas, (808) 945-2360 on a refundable deposit of \$50. A Bid Bond, and Performance and Payment Bonds will be required for bid amounts of \$25,000 or more.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any Informalities or Irregularities or to reject any or all bids. Bids shall remain in effect for 30 days from date of Bid Opening.

By Order of the Board of Trustees
NAZARETH ISD
SIDNEY BIRKENFELD, President
25-3-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

NO. 2222
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JUAN M. MELENDEZ, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS
SITTING IN MATTERS PROBATE

**AFFIDAVIT FOR CITATION
BY PUBLICATION**
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RANDALL

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JUANITA G. MELENDEZ, surviving spouse of the late JUAN M. MELENDEZ, who having been duly sworn on oath states:

"I am an Applicant in the above captioned and numbered cause. The name of oldest child of the late Juan M. Melendez is Rolando Melendez, whose age is thirty-five (35) years and whose address and whereabouts are unknown. Although a diligent effort has been made by myself and my immediate family, the whereabouts and residence of Rolando Melendez are unknown."

JUANITA G. MELENDEZ

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the said, Juanita G. Melendez, on this the 2nd day of April, 1996, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

RONDA HOLLAN
Notary Public, State of Texas
25-3-1tc

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
NAZARETH INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

To the Registered Voters of Nazareth, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 4, 1996, for voting in a School Trustee election, to elect three trustees to a full three-year term.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES:
Nazareth School Home Economics Room, 101 S. First Ave., Nazareth, Texas 79063.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each week day at Nazareth ISD Superintendent's Office, 101 S. First Ave., Nazareth, Texas 79063 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1996, and ending on April 30, 1996.

Additional absentee voting will be held at the same location as follows: N/A.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to Barbara Schulte, P.O. Box 189, Nazareth, Texas 79063.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 1996.

Issued this 14th day of February, 1996.
SIDNEY BIRKENFELD
President, Nazareth Board of Trustees
25-3-1tc

4-H horse judging team qualifies for state contest

Members of the Castro County Junior and Senior 4-H Horse Judging Teams won placings at the District 4-H Horse Judging Contest held Monday at West Texas State University in Canyon.

Senior Team members qualified to attend the State 4-H Roundup at College Station June 3-5. Junior

participants do not advance beyond district.

The Senior Team includes Coby Summers, Rusty McDaniel, Kristin Hales and Rusty Wooten, with James Wilhite and Cody Annen as alternates. The team placed second overall at the district contest, winning second in halter and reasons, and

third in performance. In individual scoring, McDaniel was second high overall, Wilhite was second in performance, and Summers was third in reasons.

For the Junior Team, members are Sage Annen, Reese Hales, Chris Reynolds and Jennifer Wilhelm. The team scored third high overall and third in halter.

More about

Roadside park . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

jurisdiction of both county and state law enforcement agencies, but neither the Sheriff's Dept. nor the Dept. of Public Safety have the manpower to patrol the park regularly, Gusman and Marsh said. Also, the county has no curfew law.

If the city were to annex the park, the state and SPS would continue to maintain it as they do now, Gusman and Marsh said, but they need help to keep the park from being a constant drain on their budgets.

Marsh told the News, "Southwestern Public Service is one of the 10 biggest taxpayers in the county. I think we have the right to ask for some protection for our fixtures out there."

Gusman challenged the city council to "go out there after a weekend and see what they do to it. It's trashed. They do doughnuts on the grass, destroy the sprinkler heads, and show no respect for it as public property."

"We could shut it down at curfew time," Mayor Wayne Collins said, "but I imagine a lot of the problems come before curfew. What should our course of action be? What options do we have?"

"You could invoke the curfew and put up signs prohibiting double parking, and fine them until you get it stopped," City Attorney Jack Edwards said. "That's about all you can do."

"Without annexing it, can't you authorize the city police to patrol it?" Assistant City Manager Don Sheffy asked Collins.

"Let us check the possibilities under the city charter's extraterritorial jurisdiction, and we'll get back to you," Collins told Gusman and Marsh. "We'll try to work with you any way we can."

Fire Chief Randy Griffith requested two new sirens to assure that the entire city is covered for storm warnings.

The city currently has three sirens, which are located at the old water tower, the fire station and at a city well near the First Baptist Church. He said the present sirens—which vary in motor/fan power—have a radius reach of 1,800 to 2,600 ft. "on a calm day."

"We've got some areas that are not very well covered," he said. For instance, Dimmitt High School, Immaculate Conception Church and Plains Memorial Hospital "are outside the main sound radius."

"I'm very uncomfortable with the situation we've got now," Griffith said. "If another big storm blows in like the one we had last year, I'm worried that we wouldn't be able to notify everybody."

"I didn't know you couldn't hear those things all over town," Councilwoman Carole Dyer commented.

"We need to do something about it."

Using a large city map to show the relative locations and reach of the present sirens, Griffith said he felt that the three present sirens should be repositioned and that two sirens should be added to the warning system to adequately cover the entire city during windy conditions. He estimated the cost of two new sirens at \$11,000, and said local volunteers could handle the installation.

Mayor Collins instructed Griffith to "consult with the appropriate engineers, determine exactly what's needed and come up with a concrete proposal and cost estimate."

Sheffy reported that the city had received \$121,655 in state matching funds for the South Lake Park and that most of it has been invested in certificates of deposit.

"We still have specific projects that need to be carried out at the park to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act, etc.," Sheffy said.

Reporting on the park's progress, Sheffy added, "The Boy Scouts have planted a lot more trees out there, and the state fish man said he can stock the lake with yellow perch in May or June, with bass in July and with catfish in September or October."

One or two council members commented that they "hope it will have enough water in it for the fish" by then.

Dyer mentioned the need for some work at the old city park that's bordered by Belsher and Lee Streets between Southwest Third and Fourth.

"I've had some teachers ask that we keep up the old park better—mainly prune the trees, pick up the trash, fertilize it and keep it watered," she said. "Some of the teachers like to take their classes there at times, but it's not in very good shape."

In other action, the council: —Told Don Cornett, manager of J&H Equipment Co., that the city "will be willing to work with you any way we can" to extend sewer service to the John Deere dealership on South Highway 385. The 10-year-old store is in the city limits but uses a septic tank, which Cornett said "isn't very good for a business with 20 employees."

—Instructed Sheffy and Ralph Salinas of the Public Works Dept. to survey models and price ranges of street sweepers to replace the present one, which is out of service and has had constant problems. The repair estimate on the present sweeper is \$19,642.

—Extended the bid deadline for painting the old water tower after receiving two bids—one for \$8,950 for a single coat of paint and another for \$54,000 for a "deluxe" job.

What's cooking?
In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of April 25 to May 3.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Choices of *barbecued sandwich on a bun, beef enchiladas or chicken fillet strips; *potato rounds, refried beans or Mexicali corn; tossed salad with dressing, macaroni salad or *raw spinach salad; hot cheese rolls, cornbread or cowboy bread; apple, orange or watermelon; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *golden fried cod fillets, pigs in a blanket or pimento cheese sandwich; *baked potatoes, potato rounds or pasta salad; *haystack finger salad, tossed salad with dressing or honeydew melon; *cornmeal twist bread sticks, hot wheat rolls or saltine crackers; apple, orange or banana; *milk, punch of a tea.

MONDAY: Choices of *lasagna, grilled cheese with a bowl of chili or oven-fried chicken; *broccoli with cheese sauce, potato rounds or whole new potatoes; tossed salad with dressing, carrot-raisin salad or *apple slices with cinnamon; *hot rolls, saltine crackers, flour tortillas or *apple slices with cinnamon; *apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choices of *pizza supreme, hot dog on a bun with cheese, chili Fritos with picante sauce; *green beans, pasta salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad with dressing, *coleslaw or *fruit fantasy; cheese rolls, old fashioned cornbread or flour tortilla; *apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Italian Spaghetti with ground beef, green beans, tossed salad with dressing, chilled fruit cocktail, garlic bread and milk.

THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, savory peas, fruit fantasy, hot cheese rolls and milk.

FRIDAY: Hamburger on a roll, Mexipinto beans, hamburger salad, fruited gelatin, peanut butter cookies and milk.

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.)

HART

THURSDAY: Chicken fajitas (elementary)

or beef fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, Jell-O with fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Ham and cheese sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickles, potato chips, peanut butter bar and milk.

MONDAY: Baked ham (elementary) or sweet and sour pork; potatoes au gratin, broccoli, rolls, peaches, white cake and milk.

TUESDAY: Sloppy Joes (elementary) or cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Enchiladas (elementary) or burrito, salad, corn, tortillas, pineapple and milk.

THURSDAY: Stromboli (elementary) or grilled cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, potato chips, cookie and milk.

FRIDAY: Burrito (elementary) or corn dogs, corn on the cob, peaches, Rice Krispie bar and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Enchiladas, tossed salad, rolls, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, Jell-O and milk.

MONDAY: Spaghetti, corn, rolls, pineapple and milk.

TUESDAY: Burritos and chili, carrot sticks, green beans, dessert and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, onions, pickles, brownies and milk.

THURSDAY: Not available.

FRIDAY: Not available.

25-Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt will accept sealed bids for the following equipment, which will be sold:

- ◆ 5 carryall-scrappers.
- ◆ 1 cannibalized scraper.
- ◆ 1 winch-truck.
- ◆ 1 yellow (fire) truck, no motor.
- ◆ 2 spray rigs.
- ◆ 1 blue truck.
- ◆ 1 1970 IHC-TD-25 Bulldozer.

Bids will be opened April 30, 1996, at the Dimmitt City Hall. (806) 647-2155.

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Obituaries

Luz Andrade

Luz M. Andrade, 69, of Amarillo, died April 16, 1996. She was the mother of Damasio Barron of Dimmitt.

Services were Friday at St. Laurence Cathedral Catholic Church with the Rev. Patrick Hoffman of the church officiating. Burial followed in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Andrade was born in Devine. She moved to Amarillo in 1981 from Somerset. She was a homemaker and a member of the Altar Society at St. Laurence.

Survivors include a son, Damasio Barron of Dimmitt; a sister, Hilario Camarillo of Amarillo; two brothers, Victor Morales of San Antonio and Juan Morales of Jourdan; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Laurence Cathedral Catholic Church.

Sybil Arnold

Graveside services for Sybil Arnold, 83, of Kingwood, and formerly of Dimmitt, were held April 13 in Lubbock City Cemetery under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home of Cleveland.

She died April 12 after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Arnold was born May 16, 1912. She married Loy Arnold. He preceded her in death in 1965. They had been involved in farming, and lived in the Dimmitt area during the 1950s and '60s. She was a homemaker, and had been active in parent-teacher organizations and the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. She had been a member of First Baptist Church in Kingwood and was active in Senior Citizens. She was an active supporter and sponsor of the Wayland Flying Queens in the '60s and '70s. She lived in Shallowater for a while.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Morgan Arnold of Kingwood; two brothers, E.D. Morgan of Trinity and Harold Morgan of Weatherford; two sisters, Vera Wood and Gladys Stooksberry, both of Whitney; two grandchildren; and a niece.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, 2200 West 7th St., Amarillo 79106 or to a favorite charity.

Lynna Cloer

Services for Lynna Cloer, 84, of Tulia, sister of Mary Edna Hendrix of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church of Tulia. Officiating at the service were Dr. Bruce Parks, pastor of United Methodist Church in Anton and Rev. Steve Brooks, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church of Tulia.

Burial followed in Tulia's Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Cloer died at 2:28 p.m. Sunday at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

She was born Lynna Beulah Kelley on Oct. 28, 1911, in Seymour. She moved to Tulia when she was nine years old and graduated from Tulia High School in 1929. She attended West Texas State College and taught school in Tulia for several years. She married Troy Cloer on June 12, 1937, in Lubbock. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Tulia, a member of the Eastern Star and the Study Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Kelley.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Kelley Cloer of Ottawa, Canada; a sister, Mary Edna Hendrix of Dimmitt; one granddaughter, Mikele Cloer of Ottawa; two nieces; and several great nieces and nephews.

Miguel Cortez

Graveside services for Miguel Cortez, 82, of Hale Center, former Dimmitt resident, were held Saturday at Hale Center Cemetery with Rev. Martin Pena of St. Theresa's Catholic Church officiating.

Burial followed under the direction of Freeman Funeral Home.

Mr. Cortez died April 16 at Hi-Plains Hospital in Hale Center.

He was born Sept. 28, 1913, in Gonzales. He married Margarita Gonzales. She died in 1984. He lived in Dimmitt before moving to Hale Center in 1994.

Survivors include four sons, Mike Cortez and Lorenzo Cortez, both of Lubbock, Presley Cortez of San Antonio and Jose Cortez of Tulia; three daughters, Elizabeth Acosta of Tulia, Esther Sepeda of Hereford and Balvina Cortez of Michigan; a brother, Guadalupe Cortez of San Antonio; and several grandchildren.

Christopher Robinson

Funeral services for former Hart resident Christopher Daniel Robinson, 23, of Canyon, were held Friday afternoon in St. John's Baptist Church in Amarillo, with Rev. Grover Neal, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Golden Gate Mortuary of Amarillo.

Mr. Robinson was born in 1972 in Dimmitt and attended Hart Elementary and Hart Junior High schools. He was a 1991 graduate of Canyon High School and attended Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M. He was baptized at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Hart.

Survivors include a daughter, Khalia of Amarillo; his mother and stepfather, Joanne and James Jackson of Amarillo; his father, Jimmy Robinson of Fort Worth; two sisters, Cynthia Robinson of Canyon and Pamela Robinson of Amarillo; his grandmother, Minnie Washington of Plainview; and a great-grandmother, Selma Brown of Corsicana.

Lucille Schacher

Lucille Schacher, 85, lifetime Nazareth resident, died at 10:44 a.m. Monday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt after a brief illness.

A vigil service was held Tuesday evening at the CCD Building in Nazareth. Mass of Christian burial was read Wednesday morning at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father Neal Dee, pastor, officiating, assisted by Deacon Jerome Brockman. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Schacher was born Dec. 10, 1910, in Nazareth. She graduated from Nazareth High School in 1928 and was valedictorian of her class. She married F.P. "Florence" Schacher on April 9, 1929, in Nazareth. She was a member of Holy Family Church, the Nazareth Senior Citizens, Christian Mothers and Catholic Daughters. She was preceded in death by three grandsons.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Edwin Schacher and Bob Schacher, both of Nazareth, and Eugene Schacher of Lazbuddie; five daughters, Catherine Hochstein, Leona Maurer, Georgiann Kleman and Margie Albracht, all of Nazareth, and Rosalie Davis of Los Altos, Calif.; 48 grandchildren; and 79 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Larry Hochstein, Stanley Maurer, Kelvin Kleman, Darryl Schacher, Daniel Schacher, Chris Albracht and Ben Schacher.

The family requests memorials be to the Nazareth Museum Association, Box 7, Nazareth 79063; or to Alzheimers Association, Panhandle Chapter, 2200 West Seventh Street, Amarillo 79106.

Too Late To Classify

CARD OF THANKS

To the wonderful people of Castro County, I'd like to say thank you. You have helped me and my family so much this last year. Thank you for all the cards, calls, wonderful food, the donations to my medical fund, the trips to Amarillo, but mostly for your prayers, for without them I wouldn't be doing as well as I am. The doctors tell me that at this time I am considered to be cancer free. Your thoughtfulness and generosity has meant so much to us, and we appreciate it more than you'll ever know.

Laurie Watts & Family
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DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL FHA members who were honored at the State FHA/HERO Leadership Meeting in Austin April 11-13 are (front, from left) Crystal Stevens and Rachel Goldsmith; and (back, from left) Kaci Schulte, Tracy Grand, and Hollie Houck. Photo by Linda Maxwell

FHA students attend state leadership meet

Dimmitt High School students did more than just attend the State FHA/HERO Leadership Meeting in Austin April 11-13.

Rachel Goldsmith, Region I President of FHA, assisted with the business session on April 12 for the 4,000-plus delegates. On April 13, she also recognized companies for their support of the youth organization. She conducted a workshop entitled "Earth 2000," which was designed to heighten awareness of the need to recycle and challenge students to participate in this state project.

In the afternoon session on April 13, Goldsmith relinquished her official duties in the formal officer installation ceremony. Also, she attended the State FHA/HERO Executive Council dinner.

Tracy Grand, newly elected vice president of STAR Events in Region I, made a presentation in a workshop about the Youth Exchanging with

Seniors project, explaining the program as it is carried out in Dimmitt. Grand and 11 other students participate in the program. The Dimmitt Chapter was awarded \$100 and the prestige of being the first recipient of the Outstanding YES Project Award, which was recognized through presentation of a certificate and a check.

Grand also assisted with the competition in STAR events.

The STAR Event Team from DHS landed the second place award for the category of "Entrepreneurship." Team members Hollie Houck, Kaci Schulte and Crystal Stevens received individual medals and a plaque.

Advisors Barbara Kenley and Jackie Odom accompanied the students and also participated in various capacities.

The group also took a tour of the Governor's Mansion and the State Capitol.

Police Calls

Dimmitt police arrested a 42-year-old Dimmitt man on charges of assault with bodily injury around 2:55 a.m. last Thursday.

A 17-year-old Dimmitt youth was jailed Friday after entering a plea bargain in county court to three counts of Class A misdemeanor charges of criminal mischief.

Damage estimated at \$260 was done to a trailer house on Northeast Sixth Street belonging to Amado Caldera Jr. of Dimmitt. The criminal mischief was reported to police Sunday afternoon.

Someone damaged a gas line and electrical wiring at Corner Place Package Store. It was reported to police Friday morning.

An incident of criminal mischief was reported to Sheriff's deputies last Thursday. Armando Castillo of Hart said someone damaged a lock on his vehicle. Repairs were estimated at \$100.

DWI, third offense, charges were listed against a Dimmitt man, 37, who was jailed early last Thursday.

Charges of tampering with government records were listed against a 29-year-old Dimmitt man who was

jailed Friday afternoon.

A Dimmitt man, 43, was jailed on outstanding Dept. of Public Safety warrants.

Class C misdemeanor charges of issuance of a bad check were listed on a warrant from Deaf Smith County and resulted in arrest of a 20-year-old Dimmitt man Monday evening.

Two incidents of telephone harassment were reported to Sheriff's deputies during the past week.

Bill Gregory of Dimmitt told police that an unknown vehicle struck his car while it was parked unattended in the 300 block of South Broadway around 1:25 p.m. April 15.

Lawrence Emil Green of Dimmitt was listed as backing without safety in an accident Monday morning in the 100 block of Northwest 10th Street in Dimmitt. The police report stated that Green had stopped his pickup at a stop sign, then started to proceed. He stopped because of approaching traffic and backed up, striking a car driven by Santos Gonzales Mireles of Dimmitt.

More about

Early voting . . .

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District will elect two board members this year.

Board members whose terms are due to expire are Lester Aven and Danny Carson.

Prospective candidates who have viled are Coy Myrick, Zenita Rowland, Ismael Carrasco and Roy Gonzales. Neither incumbent filed for re-election.

The May 4 school election will be conducted at the Hart Golden Group Building.

Nazareth ISD

Nazareth School Board seats currently held by Henry Ramaekers, J.C. Pohlmeier and Carroll Gerber will be up for grabs this year, and so far only two individuals have an-

nounced their intentions to run for the positions.

Those who have filed are incumbent Carroll Gerber and newcomers Julius Birkenfeld, Dan Gerber, Vicky Kleman and Derwin Huseman.

The home economics room at Nazareth High School will be the site for the May 4 election.


Hospital District

The Castro County Hospital District board terms of Bill Clark and Teresa Lindsey are due to expire this year.

Both incumbents have filed for re-election.

Absentee voting will be held at the hospital, and the general election on May 4 will be conducted at Dimmitt City Hall.


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